جوردان تايمر يومية سياسية تصبل بالأتجليزية عن المؤسسة الصحفية الاردنية والراي

KARAK (Petra) — Jerusalem Roman Catholic Patriarch Michel Sabbah affirmed Friday that His Majesty's King Hussein's efforts had great influence in boistering "the national unity between the people of the one nation." The patriarch, who was on a visit to Karak, emphasised the King's role in defending the rights and protecting the holy places in the different international arenas. Sabbah warned of the situation prevailing in the Holy City of Jerusalem. "The incidents taking place in Jerusalem ring the alarm of a very serious situation which threatens the future of the city." he said. "Jerusalem remained secure and peaceful and used to be the place where the followers of all divine religions used to live in harmony and love until the sanctity of the holy places was breached," he said. The patriarch said be was carrying in his visit to Jordan two messages. "The first," he said, "is the message of love and unity and the second is the message of peace in Jerusalem." Sabbah conducted a mass at the Karak Catholic Church during which the first communion for 40 children took place.

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AMMAN (Petra) — Gambian President Dawda Kairaba Jawara will start an official visit to Jordan Sunday, as official spokesman for the Royal Court said. The spokesman said the president's several-day visit comes in response to an invitation by His Majesty King Hussein.

#### SPLA claims control of key town

NAIROBI (R) - South Sudan rebels said Friday they had captured a key garrison town on the River Nile. The fall of Metut, 550 kilometres south of Khartoum, cut the route linking the government-held towns of Kosti hroatd . and Malakal and gave the rebels control of Nile River traffic, the Sudan People's Liberation (SPLA) said. Rebel radio, moni-R) - A 15 tored in Kenya, said the SPLA attack on Melut was launched it of the Lie two days ago.

#### Britain to test new bomb detector

LONDON (R) - Britain said Friday it would test a new bombdetecting machine which can reveal plastic explosives of the type which destroyed a Pan Am airliner over the Scottish town of Lockerbie in 1988. The U.S.-made thermal neutral analysis machine is being installed at London's Gatwick airport for a year-long trial beginning in July, the Transport Department said. The machine can detect semtex, the Czechoslovak-made plastic explosive which can evade conventional detectors. The Transport. Department said the new detector would be used at first to check baggage of passengers flying by U.S. airfines.

#### Algerians stage protest march

ALGIERS (R) — Several thousand veterans of Algeria's war of independence against France and their sons marched through the capital Friday to denounce a mysterious rash of attacks on the tombs of fallen comrades. Several dozen tombs is martyrs cometeries in the south and east have been ripped up and defaced in recent weeks for unknown motives, causing a national outcry. "Hang the attackers of martyrs' tombs" and "Respect for our martyrs equals preserving our independence" were some of the banners carried by the mostly aged, flag-waving men marching in a steady drizzle along a portside boulevard. At a rally at Martyrs Square, an official of the National Organisation of Sons of Martyrs broke into sobs as he denounced "enemies of the country," and "soldiers of the devil" who had desecrated symbols of the country's hard-won independ-

#### Argentine ambassador arrives in London

age verse. The way Argentine ambassador to Britain since the Falkland Islands war said Friday that he believes the two countries will resolve their differences in coming years. Both countries still claim sovereignty over the British colony, which the Argentines call the Malvinas. The Malvinas are still there but what is important is that the two countries have established diplomatic relations and we are convinced that we are on the way to building up a new special relationship between the two countries in so many aspects, Mario Campora said as he arrived at Heathrow airport Argentina recently restored diplomatic and air links that were severed during the conflict in 1982.

#### U.N. chief visits Albania

TIRANA (R) — United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrived in Albania Friday on the first such visit to Europe's last orthodox Communist state. Perez de Cuellar, who arrived from Budapest, was met. at Tirana airport by Albanian Foreign Minister Raiz Malile With whom he was to hold talks later in the day. Thousands of Albaniana lined streets of the capital to watch the U.N. chief's motorcade | israel Radio.

### Crown Prince pays tribute to ATF

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Friday lauded the Amman-based Arab Thought Forum (ATF) as a reliable inter-Arab institution and voiced pride in its achievements since its

creation nine years ago. Addressing the opening session of the ATF's ninth annual meetings, Prince Hassan expressed pride in the ATF's first achievement, which was in the form of a research on the most important issues of future Arab gen-

The research tackles the future of bas bhow dean set in noticeates nesults of the project will be discussed at one of the largest conference of its kind, which will be opened by His Majesty King Hussein Saturday.

Prince Hassan thanked Sheikh Abdullah Al Mubarak Al sabah and Dr. Suad Al Sabab for financing the Prince Hassan announced that the long serving ATF secretary general, Seachsddin Ibrahim, will quit his post.

will act as general coordinator of the second ATF research project, "Scopes of Regional Arab Integration in the Nineties." The Crown Prince noted the dedicated work done by Dr. Ibrahim and pointed out that his post will be taken over by Sayyed Yassin, the present

which he retained for seven years and

director of the Cairo-based Al Abram Centre for Political and Strategic Stu-Prince Hassan said he had prepared a paper carrying ideas and questions about what has been termed by Arab intellectuals as "the lost Arab decade " — in an apparent reference to the eighties, — the decade of de-velopment which was not fully uni-

ised by Arab countries. . The ATF General Assembly Friday adopted a decision to admit the fordanian Forum Humanum to the ATF considering its members as full-

forced Bethlehem shops to close

for a sixth straight day Friday in

what the army called a response

Residents said soldiers drove

through the town, the birthplace

of Jesus, threatening to fine shop-

An army spokesman said sol-

diers had closed down the busi-

ness district since the beginning

A kitchenware store owner was

ordered to pay a \$175 fine when

soldiers found him inside his

They said the army usually

gave them no explanation for

closure orders but added the me-

asures appeared to be another bid

to impose economic pressure.

clandestine leaders of the 29th-

month Palestinian uprising,

businesses remain open in the

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of the week because of an in-

crease in stone-throwing.

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to Palestinian stone-throwing.

# 18 Arab states accept May 28 Baghdad summit

MUSCAT (Agencies) - Oman announced Friday that it would attend the proposed Arab summit in Iraq, raising to 18 the number of Arab countries that have confirmed their attendance at the conference.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul-Meguid, who was with President Hosni Mubarak in Muscat Thursday before the Omani decision was announced, also said it was "difficult to find an alternative" for Baghdad as a venue since a large number of Arab countries had already accepted the proposal.

Abdul Meguid, in a statement to the Omani News Agency, appealed to Syria and Lebanon to drop their objection to the Iraci capital as a venue and also participate in the summit.

The Egyptian official said he was "appreciative of the existing differences" between Syria and Iraq which were behind the refusal to participate and hoped that 'all differences will be settled." Mubarak and his delegation

were in Muscat Thursday for talks with Sultan Oaboos and the Omani leadership as the Egyptian leader headed to the Far East on a visit to China and North Korea before also going to the Soviet

Seventeen of the 22 Arab League members, including Saudi Arabia, had backed the summit proposal officially initiated by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to discuss the issue of the Soviet Jewish influx to Israel and the perceived Israeli threats to Iraq.

Egypt and Oman had been among the small group that has

seen as economic pressure

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Beit Ummar near Hebron, a 30- AP in a telephone interview Bank (Agencies) — Israeli troops year-old Palestinian man died About 30 Jewish settlers fr

Thursday night in a car accident.

Zaidan Abu Ayyash's car over-

turned after Jewish settlers in the

West Bank hurled a rock at it,

A five-year-old Palestinian girl

was knocked down and killed by

a military vehicle in an accident

near the West Bank village of

It said the police and army

Israeli soldiers shot and killed a

Palestinian man and wounded 20

others in violent clashes in a Gaza

Strip village Thursday, as Jewish

settlers went on rampage in the

West Bank town of Hebron, fir-

ing at Arab houses and smashing

cars. Another 15 Palestinians

were shot and wounded else-

five cars and fired for two hours.

Come and see how many bullets

they shot at my house. My wife

and son were beaten." Issa Bara-

In the West Bank village of dai, a Hebron resident, fold the

"They smashed the windows of

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Taibe Friday, the army said.

were investigating.

smashing the windscreen.

Residents said Mahmoud

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prior healing of the long bitter political feud between Damascus and Baghdad. Mediation efforts towards that end in recent weeks appear to have made no head-

But on his way to Muscat Thursday, Mubarak told reporters travelling with him that Egypt had accepted participation in the Baghdad-hosted summit. The subsequent Omani

announcement was made by Yousef Ben Alawi, the minister in charge of foreign affairs. "The sultanate will take part in the emergency Arab summit" in

Baghdad, said Ben Alawi in a statement distributed by the Omani News Agency. Alawi added that he would head to the Iraqi capital for the May 22 meeting of Arab foreign ministers which is to line an agenda for the summit. The Omani

minister however, did not specify

the date fixed for the summit,

which Baghdad has said is May

PLO leader Yasser Arafat has been insisting the summit should convene prior to the superpower summit between presidents George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev, fixed for May 30 to June

Egypt had reportedly express ed the view that the summit should be convened after the superpower meeting to be able to line up a position on the Middle East peacekeeping process in light of its outcome.

The PLO, according to a report in the state-run Al Ittihad daily of Aba Dhabi, was preparing a paper for the summit in which it fledged active members in the forum. | been hesitant about attending seeks "a collective Arab stand on

About 30 Jewish settlers from

nearby Kiryat Arba took part in

the raid, during which they used

clubs and stones to smash Arab-

owned vehicles and hurled rocks

at passers-by, injuring two

Itim news agency said.

Palestinians, reports and Israel's

According to Arab accounts,

the settler attack was provoked

by an earlier stone-throwing inci-

clashes between Palestinians and

some 200 settlers living in the

town, as well as those in Kirvat

Rabbi Moshe Levinger, who

brought Jewish settlers to Hebron

just after Israel occupied the

West Bank and Gaza in the 1967

war, was sentenced on May 1 to

five months in prison for killing

an Hebron merchant during a

Also in Hebron, relatives

buried the body of 14-year-old

Ziyad Ad Rugeeby, who died

Thursday of a head wound

suffered in a clash with soldiers

1988 stone-throwing clash.

Middle East peacemaking pro-cess after Israel's obdurate rejection of all international peace

The report, attributed to a PLO official at headquarters in Tunis, said the paper will outline all Israeli "crippling" attempts including one communicated through Washington to a number of Arab capitals.

This latest proposal, according to the report, suggests Arab economic relations with Israel in return for three-year self-rule for the Palestinian inhabitants of the occupied territories.

#### Uprising message

Underground leaders of the Palestinian uprising said Friday the forthcoming Arab summit should confront U.S. Middle East policy and Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel. .

In its latest regular leaflet, the Unified Leadership of the Uprising said the summit was urgently needed to confront "hostile American policy and conspiracies against Iraq as well as the vicious settlement drive... represented by Soviet Jewish immigration to our occupied land."

It made no reference to Syria's refusal to attend the summit. The Arab League announced on Thursday that the emergency summit was set for May 28 in Baghdad.

The Unified Leadership of the Uprising groups the four main factions in the PLO - Fatch, the Popular and Democratic fronts for the liberation of Palestine and the Communist Party.

Irbid moves

# Thousands march to help raise funds for Palestinians

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

people of all ages walked 23 nitarian expression towards the in-kilometres from the Inter- jured and the families of the martyrs "In my eight years of working with Continental Hotel to Yaduda Friday in an effort to raise funds for Palestinians in the occupied territories, after which a few thousand more joined at Yaduda to attend a traditional "souk" (market) resembling that of the Old City of

"I feel as if I'm almost in Jerusalem, except here there are no Israeli soldiers, no tear-gas, no shooting, no beating," said Dr. Swee Chai Ang, orthopaedic surgeon and one of the founders of the London-based Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP), organisers of the charity walk.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Ang, who came to Jordan to participate in the march, said she felt as if she was so moved watching so many people walking for Palestinians.

"I could feel the warmth and generosity of the people here all wanting to give something to Palestinians; to help the children. It is not only a question of supporting the Palestinians, but of the desire to help another human being who is suffer-

ing," Ang said.
The walk Friday was the first official activity since the establishment of a MAP chapter in Jordan last month, under the honorary chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. Tens of people volunteered their help in organising the event, particularly the market located at Khirbat Abu Jaber in Yaduda.

Among those participating in the march were Crown Prince Hassan,

beginning of the march, Prince Has- than it has in Jordan in a short period AMMAN — A few thousand san described the event as "a huma- of time. She expressed her admiration in the Israeli-occupied territories." Also taking part in the march was Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben

People of all ages sat behind tables

seling hebron glass, embroidered dresses and cushions, postcards, traditional handicrafts, fresh vegetables and eggs, homemade pickles and olives and spices, young volunteers shouted out the items for sale in traditional tones used by vendors in Jerusalem marketplaces; shawarma and hamburgers were sold; a traditional Jordanian mini-band played music while thousands of people walked around.

According to Dr. Rafiq Husseini, director of MAP in London, the march and market were both very successful, but he could not give an estimate of how much money was raised. He told the Jordan Times that about 3,000 people walked and about 5,000 had visited the market until

"The results are brilliant with the good turnout and with everything being so well organised. Hopefully there is a lot of money being raised, Husseini said.

The funds raised from the march and the marketplace, as well as a charity dinner to be held under the will go to medical projects for Palesti-nian hospitals, health centres, medical equipment, among others, in the occupied territories.

Husseini expressed hope that Jordan would be a good centre for fundraising for MAP, "and this is only the first event. If we start like

In a short speech marking the hard in Jordan and achieved more Palestinians." Ang said, "There are

times I spend crying after my friends and patients die, hospitals getting shelled and doctors getting deported. But today is of one those few days where it is like a sparkling diamond and a light in a long, dark journey." Ang witnessed the massacres of Sabra and Shatila in Lebanon in 1982

and worked on establishing MAP in Landon. Her testimonies were documented in her book "From intensively with Palestinians in refugee camps in Lebanon, and later worked in Gaza in an Arab hospital after the intifada erupted in December 1987.

After leaving the occupied territories almost a year ago. Ang said, she has "not been welcome to go back by the Israeli military. They (the Israeli authorities) have put a lot of pressure on the people I work with, mainly Palestinians, to make life unpleasant

Ang added that she did not want to challenge the Israeli decision not to allow her to return to the occupied territories for the sake of her Palestinian colleagues. However, since she left Gaza, she has toured 26 cities in the United States, all over Japan and Malaysia to share with the people her experience during her work with Palestinians — an effort she felt was important: to relay the inhumane practises against Palestinians living

under Israeli occupation. Ang was to deliver a lecture Friday night at the Professional Associations Complex on her experience of working with Palestinians in the Gaza Strip

## Labour split deepens; Likud said forming government TEL AVIV (Agencies) - For- the lead takes the credit when

mer Israeli Defence Minister Yit- (the party) succeeds and should Friday, deepening the split at the English. top of the party.

Caretaker Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was meanwhile said responsibility and draw the conby members of his Likud Party to be close to forming a right-wing government with the support of small far-right and religious par-

Rabin, who is challenging Peres for the Labour leadership, blamed him for failing to form a left-wing government dedicated to peace talks with the Palestinians after pulling the party out of a "national unity" cabinet with Liked in March.

Rabin, who served as premier from 1974-77, launched his campaign to topple Peres last week. but he issued his yet sharpest criticism of his party rival in an

pass. "I believe that whoever is in next party convention in April

zhak Rabin called Labour Party take the responsibility whenever leader Shimon Peres to resign it fails," Rabin said, speaking in

> "I still hope that theone who was in the lead will take the clusions," he said. Rabin resigned as prime minis-

ter in 1977 after it was revealed that his wife, Leah, kept a bank account in the United States in violation of Israeli currency laws. His government was already weakened at the time by the walkout of a religious party over the delivery of U.S.-made fighter planes on the Jewish sabbath.

The radio quoted Peres as responding Friday to Rabin's charges that "everyone should judge himself and the public will judge all of us."

Peres, who has failed to win in four elections against Likud, has interview broadcast Friday on said he would not step down until "a new party chief is chosen at the

"In the next elections, anybody can run," Peres said Thursday, referring to the party meeting. But until then, a duty has been imposed on me, and I shall fulfill

A purported draft of a intraparty report leaked to Israeli media this week blamed Peres for Labour's recent failures and praised Rabin, who also got a boost from recent opinion polls showing him to be the nation's most popular politician.

A senior Shamir aide said the strife in Labour made the formation of another "national unity" government impossible.

"Even if Mr. Shamir wanted to form a broad government, in the current state of Labour there is no partner for such a government," he said.

Hoping to win over the ultrareligious Agudat Israel party, Shamir has pledged to pass laws banning indecent advertising and the sale of pork.

#### to enforce ban on male hairdressers By Ghadeer Taher Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - Local authorities in Irbid have taken steps to enforce a regulation by the Ministry of Interior banning male hairdressers from working in beauty salous catering to women, salon owners in the northern town said Friday.

Many owners of beauty salons, both male and female were "rounded up" by Irbid police and taken to the municipality and were asked to sign a paper pledging not to employ male hairdressers, said one owner of a beauty parlour for

According to the salon owner, who said he was among those taken to the municipality, said over 20 salon owners had signed the "official" paper as of Friday.
"We tried to explain to

police and the municipal authorities that our understanding of the ministry's regulation is that it only applies to persons seeking to licence new beauty salons," he said, speaking to the Jordan Times on condition of anonymity.

"The municipal authorities and police said that the regulation means that once any permit expires, the ban will then apply to salons licensed before the ban was issued," he said. Police have given salon owners one week to get

documentary substantiation to the fact that the ban only (Continued on page 2)

# Islamists secure landslide victory in university elections.

By Sa'ad G. Hattar Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The Islamist movement at the University of Jordan has won a landslide victory in campus elections by clinching 96 per cent of a preparatory commit-tee entrusted with forming a students federation.

University sources said Friday the bloc secured 82 of the committee's 85 seats in the first campus elections since 1974. It was in that year that the university's administration froze the activities of a budding, two-year-old student federation for the university, which now includes some 17,000 pupils. The extremely poor showing of the left-wing and liberal activists who won the remaining three seats in the committee was clearly a setback which brought to an end a spiralling victory the leftists en-joyed in last month's elections of

Sources who requested anonymity attributed the overwhelming

victory of the Islamists to the reflection on the campus of a powerful Lower House of Parliament which is dominated by the Muslim Brotherhood. Islamist students are also meti-

culously organised on the campus, which houses a faculty for Islamic Law (Shari'a), the only one in the Kingdom, one of the sources

He said this faculty was instrumental in fostering support for the Islamist movement through interrelated moves with other facul-

Wednesday's election results, however, do not necessarily reflect the clout of the Islamists on the campus. Only 9,000 students went to the polls, a turnout less than 55 per cent of the eligible voters. The source noted that the bulk of the "silent majority" which

The preparatory committee will be entrusted with laying down the

lack of interest.

made up to 70 per cent of the pupils failed to vote, mostly for the

groundwork and defining the charter for the formation of a general students federation that would eventually encompass some 50,000 undergraduates in the four universities and some 50 community colleges throughout the Kingdom.

The elections had been set to single out a preparatory committee between two schools of thought, according to the same source.

The first trend, advocated by the Islamist and left-wing movements, favoured the creation of a federation covering all the Kingdom's higher education institutes. The second trend, cherished by independents, was in favour of forming a federation restricted only to the campus of the University of Jordan, the oldest and biggest in the

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# U.S. puzzled by Israeli charge it is consorting with Arab states

WASHINGTON (R) - The United States has said it osed Security Council Resolution was confused by Israeli accusations that it was consorting with Arab states to halt a wave of Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Soviet Union and absorption...in-Arens accused Washington Wednesday of helping Arab states draft a U.N. resolution condemning Jewish settlement in emigration, such as direct flights, the occupied territories and East jerusalem.

In a rare publicised rebuke. Arens summoned U.S. Ambassador William Brown, saying the meeting was necessary because the Security Council resolution was "dedicated to an Arab attack pied territories, which it opposed. on the right of Jews to immigrate to Israel.

"We find the foreign minister's comments a little confusing," said State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler.

"We wholeheartedly support

to Israel. We have and we will continue to press for steps that facilitate and expedite that and minister Arens is very well aware of this," she said.

Tutwiler said Washington drew a distinction between Soviet Jews moving to Israel, which it supported, and their absorption into 4. In the past the United States Israeli settlements in the occu-A State Department official

said the Arab states had been unable to agree on a resolution and had requested an indefinite, postponement. Arab envoys at the United

Nations Thursday rejected sever-Jewish emigration from the al U.S. amendments to a prop-

deploring Israeli settlements in the occupied territories.

'There are several amendments that the Americans have submitted that don't meet with the approval of the Arab group," said Ambassador Karim Al Shakar of Bahrain, current chairman of the group.

The draft resolution, spon-sored by the Council's Non-Aligned members, stems from a debate requested by the Soviet Union in a Feb. 12 letter citing "unlawful Israeli moves to settle the occupied territories."

obstacle to peace but stopped short of describing them as illeg-

Ambassador Abdalla Al Ashtal of South Yemen, a member of the Security Council, said the draft already had the backing of 14 of the Council's 15 members. The Arab group was seeking a unanimous vote. White House spokesman Mar-lin Fitzwater said the United States had merely been doing its

job as a permanent member of the Security Council. "We have not taken a position on that resolution or any specific

resolution," he said. Israel said the United States had been helping the Arab states draft a milder version of the resolution instead of vetoing it

Tutwiler's mild comments appeared to signal that Washington was not interested in escalating its war of words with Israel. which in recent weeks has strained relations between the two countries.

The United States is still hoping for a government to emerge from Israel's political crisis capable and willing to move towards dialogue with Palestinians. although this appears increasingly

U.N. chief

to discuss

Gulf peace

in Baghdad

UNITED NATIONS (R) -

Secretary General Javier Perez

de Cuellar, who is trying to revive

stalled Gulf peace talks, will meet

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq

Aziz in Rome Monday, a U.N.

Perez de Cuellar, on a Euro-

pean trip, had talks with Iranian

Foreign Minister Ali Akbar

Velayati in New York last month.

The foreign ministers last met in

Geneva in April 1989 but U.N.

efforts to turn an August 1988

Iran-Iraq ceasefire into a full-

fledged peace settlement have

Reports from the Gulf this

spokesman has said.

made scant progress.

# Arab papers urge summit unity

NICOSIA (R) - Arab commentators urged their leaders Friday to show a united front at summit talks this month despite the refusal of Syria to attend the meeting alof Syria has said it will not attend in Baghdad.

"A united Arab strategy should be drawn up at the summit to face the many challenges (facing Arabs), irrespective of marginal differences among certain states," Saudi Arabia's Al Jazirah newspaper said.

Saudi Arabia is one of 18 of the Arab League's 22 members who have pledged to attend the summit, opening on May 28 to discuss Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel and a row with Western countries over alleged Iraqi military purch-

It will be held two days before U.S. President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev hold their own superpower summit in Washington.

The meeting in Iraq should

PATRAS, Greece (R) — A

greek magistrate granted bail Fri-

day to a British truck driver

arrested for transporting parts of

an alleged Iraqi super-gun, his

released within the day. The bail

was set at \$33,000 which his

family has accumulated," lawyer

Alkeos Vgenopoulos told Reu-

Paul Ashwell, 26, from North-

ampton, was arrested on April 20

in the western port of Patras with

29.5 tonnes of metal tubing which

authorities said could form part

the bail terms Ashwell was ban-

ned from leaving the country and

would have to report once a week

illegal transport of weapons,

faces up to 20 years in prison if

convicted. No trial date has been

was similar to a shipment of eight

steel tubes seized earlier in Bri-

tain and said by British customs

to be part of a 40-metre gun

which would enable Iraq to bom-

bard rivals like Israel or Iran with

meant to build a weapon and said

they were intended for use in a

Vgenopoulos said a public pro-

secutor was expected to review

the case in the next two weeks

and could drop the charges

petrochemical plant.

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Iraq has denied the tubes were

nuclear or chemical weapons.

The tubing on Ashwell's truck

Ashwell, who is charged with

Vgenopoulos said that under

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of a giant gun.

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**Greek court grants bail to** 

Briton in Iraqi gun row

ciliation between Baghdad and to reconcile Iraq and Syria: Damascus to...confront the Zion-

the summit in Iraq. Damascus backed Iran in the eight-year Gulf war that halted in 1988 and Baghdad has since supported opponents of Syria in Lebanon.

The semi-official Syrian newspaper Al Thawra said the summit would not serve higher Arab interests and lacked "clarity of aims and strategic views."

"It will merely be serving personal ends," the paper said without elaborating.

Okaz newspaper of Saudi Arabia said the kingdom's agreement to attend "reaffirms its concern to consolidate Arab unity in facing all challenges."

Riyadh earlier said a summit should not be held unless all Arab League members attended. Riyadh, along with Egypt and "achieve Arab unity and recon- other states, has tried this month

"I believe everything will now

go for the better and Ashwell's

odyssey will end soon. He did not

know the tube he was carrying

was part of a weapon and every-body knows that he is innocent,"

The British Foreign Office said

Friday it had already told the

Greek authorities that Britain did

not believe Ashwell had kno-

wingly committed any offence.

Wednesday they planned a de-

monstration to back him, driving

their trucks in a huge convoy

The Iraqi affair damaged rela-

tions between London and Bagh-

dad still further following Iraq's

execution in March of London-

based journalist Farzad Bazoft

after finding him guilty of spying.

American customs intercepted a

consignment of electronic compo-

nents bound for Iraq and said

they were triggers for nuclear

The U.S. State Department

said Thursday it was looking into

an Iraqi statement that it had

legally imported electronic capa-

citors from the United States in

1988 that Washington believes

could be used as triggers for

"In response to our request,

the government of Iraq informed

us on May 10 that the capacitors

displayed by President Saddam

Hussein were imported legally

from the U.S. in 1988," said State

Department spokeswoman Mar-

nuclear weapons.

garet Tutwiler.

Soon afterwards, British and

down to the port of Dover.

British lorry drivers said

The Palestinian newspaper Al Quds, published in the Israelioccupied areas, also called for Arabs to bury their differences. "The Palestinian issue...must prompt Arab leaders to rise to

the level of their historic respon-

The Palestine Liberation Organisation is alarmed that moves towards Middle East peace have stalled and that many Soviet Jewish immigrants will settle in the occupied areas, blocking Palestinian hopes of setting up an independent state.

Israeli officials say 800,000 Soviet Jews could arrive by 1995.

Qatar's Ar-Raya newspaper called for "intensive Arab efforts to persuade Damascus to attend the summit and resolve its differ-

ences with Baghdad."

Morocco, Libya and Somalia have not said whether they would

detained

**Kuwaitis** 

CAIRO (R) - The Kuv

said Friday.

due today

ernment will decide Saturday

what to do with eight pro-

democracy activists detained in

the northern Gulf state, lawyers

The eight men were arrested

Tuesday for holding what the

government said was an illegal

political meeting to urge a boycott of June 10 elections for

an Interim National Assembly.

ated and comfortable. They even

chose food from an open buffet,"

one activist who visited them

Leftist physician and veteran

Arab nationalist Ahmad Al Kha-

tib, Kuwait's first health minister,

is being kept at a state security

building in Kuwait city, while the

other seven are being held at a

police station in Shuwaikh indust-

State prosecutors have ques-

tioned all eight men and defence

lawyers said the authorities would

either release the group on bail

Saturday or hold them for an

additional 21 days for further

A newspaper in the United

Arab Emirates (UAE) said a

group of intellectuals from the

UAE had sent a cable to Kuwait's

Emir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al

Sabah asking for the release of

investigations.

the men.

"They are being very well tre-

#### week, however, said Iranian leaders were showing unusual interest in a message from Iraqi President Decision on Neither side has disclosed the

contents, or even the exact nature of the unprecedented message. Iran's ally Syria has referred to it as a personal letter to President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani from Hussein

Rafsanjani said cautiously Wednesday that he saw "some signs" of good intention from Iraq. He has also written to Syrian President Hafez Ali Assad about the Iraqi message, which was received at least 10 days ago.

Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati refused to discuss the letter on an Iranian television programme Thursday but said Tehran would welcome any proposal which promoted peace.

Iran's National Security Council discussed the letter from Iraq on May 1. Tehran Radio said it was about "peace negotiations and the regional situation."

Rafsanjani emerged as Iran's most powerful political leader after the death last year of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. According to the Iranian News Agency (IRNA) he said Wednesday 'we are still not sure of the other side's good intentions, although some signs in this regard have been seen.'

Damascus Radio reported that a message which President Assad received from Rafsaniani Thursday "dealt with the letter which was sent by the Iraqi president to the Iranian president."

Signs of possible movement in the Iran-Iraq stalemate coincide with high-level diplomacy over the past few weeks in which Egypt, Saudi Arabia and other Arab states have tried to patch up relations between Syria and Iraq.

# U.S. Congress examines Israeli rights abuses in occupied Arab lands

WASHINGTON (USIA) - In the two and a half years of the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza, violations of internationally recognised human rights have multiplied, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Richard Schifter has told a congressional panel.

He added, however, "we must recognise that the ultimate

answer to the problems is peace - which can only be attained by negotiations among ther parties involved."

Testifying before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs

bcommittee on Europe and the Middle East and on Human Rights and International Organisations, Schifter said that amor the most serious human rights concerns in the occupied territories are "the nature of the response" of the Israeli soldiers, whose live fire has resulted in civilian deaths, and, more recently, the killing of Palestinians by fellow-Palestinian

"The number of Palestinians killed in 1990 in jutra-Palestinian violence is now equal to the number killed by the Israeli army during the same period," Schifter said.

He pointed to the nearly 23-year occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the "unresolved 42-year state of war between Israel and its neighbours" that underlie the "peace issue" on which the U.S. government has focused its efforts in trying to bring about negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis,

Schifter said, "any discussion of the human rights situation in the West Bank and Gaza must start with recognition of the fact that they are lands under military occupation and under a military government." Military occupation is "by definition nondemocratic." he said.

Schifter appeared before the panel with John Hirsch, director for Israel and Arab-Israeli affairs at the State Department. Both were questioned about issues ranging from the closing of schools and universities to conditions in prisons and the equitable availability of water in the occupied Arab territories.

Asked by subcommittee Chairman Lee Hamilton about the

status of six West Bank universities, which have been closed by the Israelis for two and a half years, Hirsch said, "we have pressed repeatedly for those universities to be reopened and feel it is a real loss and does not help the situation to have the universities closed." Schifter, in response to the same question, noted that secondary

schools are now open and that junior colleges are about to open. Yet to be resolved, he said, is the reopening of the six West Bank universities. "The Israeli government has not responded" to urging by the United States on the issue, he said. Asked by Ramilton to assess a series of human rights com-

plaints, which he said he had received, Schifter said that the current statistics reflect that the problem of excessive force is getting better and that the Israeli policy of deportations has ended.

Schifter said the number of persons held for administrative detention was down to 800 at the beginning of this May. As for treatment while in detention, he said the prol

reported before, such as beating, "do occur upon arrest." When pressed to amplify on prison conditions, he acknowledged com-plaints of delayed access to prisoners, including children. Schifter also noted that the prisons are "overcrowded" and that "circumstances under which people live are substantially less than Asked to assess the problem of demolishing homes of Palesti-zians found guilty of terrorist activity, Schiffer pointed out that

many innocent people lost homes as a result of the policy. "I think that is one on the 'short list' (high priority) we ought to press very hard on," he said. While the number of demolitions appeared to be down in April, Schifter said, it was too soon to know whether or not this is a trend.

On the issue of the health and medical care, Schifter said "there is no doubt that as a result of the intifada there has been a deterioration in all public service" and that "Israeli funding for the hospitals has decreased." Asked about Israeli policies concerning freedom of the press,

Schifter said censorship still continues for the Arabic — and inguage publications and that translations and redications are censored as well.

Asked by Representative Wayne Owens (Democrat of Utah) if the United States has heard an explanation about why a number of Palestinian charitable organisations have been closed by the Israeli government, Schifter said the explanation gives is that "something other than activities for a charitable purpose are among the activities of the organisation."

Queried by Douglas Bereuter (Republican of Nebraska) about Israeli government policies regarding water rights in the occupied Arab territories, Hirsch said that a lot of water resources developed over the past 20 years have been for Israeli settlements. He said there has been a scarcity of water throughout the Middle East — "More in Gaza than the West Bank, so water availability for Palestinians is a verey serious problem."

On a per capita basis, Hirsch said "more water is available to Israeli settlers than to Palestinians."

Bereuter urged the State Department to look at the number of well drilling permits that goes to Palestinians, because... they cannot proceed with agricultural development if there are no permits available.

Asked about the current status of Palestinian freedom to travel. Schifter commented only that "the situation is getting less bad."

Asked by Hamilton about the seriousness of the problem of curfews, Schifter said that "among the issues, this is one I simply would accept happens when you have a military law situation and acts of violence have occurred." He said U.S. officials have pressed the case, however.

Both Schifter and Hirsch took sharp issue with the charge that the United States has diminished its concern for human rights because of the peace process. "There is no such trade off," Hirsch said. But he added, "I do

feel that the underlying answer to human rights problems is the advancement of the peace process."

#### MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

#### Pyongyang criticises Israel

TOKYO (AP) - North Korean President Kim Il Sung has criticised Israeli plans to resettle Jews emigrating from the Soivet Union in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, North Korea's official media said Friday. Pyongyang's Korean Central News Agency said Kim made the criticism in a speech at a banquet held in Pyongyang Thursday night to honour Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat. Arafat arrived in Pyongyang earlier Thursday on his fourth visit to North Korea. which he first visited in 1981, the news agency said. He made his most recent visit last June.

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#### Turkish troops kill 4 rebei Kurds

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey (R) - Turkish troops have killed four Kurdish rebels in two separate clashes and uncovered a majorexplosives cache, officials said Friday. The guerrillas of the separatist Marxist Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) were killed Wednesday and Thurday near Sirnak town in the southeastern province of Siirt, they said. The deaths brought this month's toll in the six-year insurgency to 51, 30 of them rebels. Troops found a PKK mountain hideout in the eastern province of Van containing hundreds of land mines and other explosives, the officials said.

#### Pollard's wife blasts israel

TEL AVIV (R) - An American woman jailed for more than three years in the United States after helping her husband spy for Israel accused the Jewish state Friday of doing nothing to assist them. Anne Henderson-Pollard, 30-year-old wife of convicted spy Jonathan Pollard, spoke to Israel Radio's Washington correspondent. She was released from jail on parole in March. "Why isn't the (Israeli) government involved? I mean, My God, I gave up 40 months of my life to go to prison over this. They did absolutely nothing for me. I'm only speaking of the government," she said. Her husband, and American Jew who said he acted out of love for Israel, was jailed for life in 1987. Anne initially received two five-year sentences after pleading guilty to helping her husband pass secret files to Israel. Asked if Israel had sent her money as alleged in news reports. she said: "If that were true, why I am sitting here destitute unable to even afford a residence, a closet? I have no money. Ther is no money forthcoming."

### Aden sends home E. German experts

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — An estimated 200 East German security experts have been sent home by South Yemen because their government has not been paying them their salaries for months, a Saudi Arabian newspaper reported Friday. The daily Asharq Al Awsat said the cutoff in pay followed the political changes that took place in Eastern Europe. The newspaper's report was attributed to unnamed informed sources in Aden. The Aden authorities were left with the choice of either keeping the experts on new individual contracts or sending them home, and the second alternative won the day, the paper said.

#### Iran arrests 20 over dress code

NICOSIA (R) — Iranian vice patrols arrested 20 people at the start of a crackdown on clothing which reveals too many curves or too much flesh. Tehran residents said the patrols turned out in force in the capital Thursday, the first day of an official campaign to "fight manifestations of corruption." They stopped and took down names of women wearing make-up or dressed in clothes which failed to cover everything but their face and hands. Women in bright outfits or clothes that showed their curves were also stopped. Men are not allowed to display too much of their arms or chests, and smoked windows on cars are also forbidden. Violators of the Islamic dress code may be punished by up to 74 lashes and authorities have said names of lesser offenders would be kept on a computer list for further action.

### Irbid moves to enforce ban

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applies to new applicants, he added.

Although Ministry of Interior officials have been denying reports of the ban to the press and to various individuals, including parliamentarians, they have not publicly denied the existence of the Order.

A copy of the order, dated April 21, 1990, and signed by Minister of Interior Salem Masa'deh, was made available to the Jordan Times. It says: The management and employees of female beauty salons to be licensed as of this date will be limited to

Ambiguity surrounds the extent of the decision's application, according to hairdressers and members of the Hairdressers' Association. "The regula-

tion does not explain what happens to owners who try to renew their yearly permits," said a member of the executive committee of the Ammanbased association.

A prominent lawyer explained that the ban would effect new applicants as well as salon owners. "Once you go to renew your licence you have to meet all the regulations governing the licence," he said. "By adding the ban to already existing regulations governing the operations of beauty parlours means that it has to be met when obtaining a new licence or when renewing it."

A delegation from the Hairdressers Association has already met with Ministry of Interior Under-Secretary Salameh Hamad who assured them that the ban would only effect new applicants, according to association members.

### Islamists sweep campus election

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In effect, the independents' target is to resurrect a short-lived students federation for the University of Jordan which was set up in 1972 and was frozen two years later. Instead, the university's administration formed 34 academic

societies, each representing a section of the university's 13 faculties. Ever since the Nov. 8 elections which produced an 80-seat House dominated by the Muslim Brotherhood, Jordan's universities have turned into scenes of intensive campaigning aimed at coercing the administrations into accepting a fully-fledged student federation.

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#### NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

#### ACC labour ministers meet in Sana'a

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will take part in the 4th meeting of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) labour ministers, which will be held in Sana'a May 15. The Jordanian delegation to the meetings will be headed by Minister of Labour Qaseem Obeidat. The three-day meeting will crystallise a mechanism to enhance existing cooperation among the ACC countries.

#### Soviet ambassador visits Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — Soviet ambassador at large Igor Andropov Thursday arrived in Amman at the beginning of a two-day official visit to Jordan for talks with Jordanian officials on issues of

#### EC may help paper industry

AMMAN (Petra) - A team from the European Community (EC) Investment Bank Friday visited the Arab Company for International Investment and Trade and inspected the company's factories. The team said they would discuss with European companies, producing the same line of products, to set up a joint Jordanian-European project, or to provide the company with technical expertise in a bid to reoperate the company's soap and paper tissues production. Reoperating the factories will provide 100 new job opportunities.

#### RJ advisory council holds meeting

AMMAN (Petra) - The second meeting for the Royal Jordanian (RJ) advisory council starts here Saturday with several Jordanian and world advisors participating. The two-day meetings will focus on issues of interest to the Royal Jordanian, including its operation plan and financing, as well as tourism in Jordan and aviation cooperation in the Arab Cooperation Council states.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

- ★ Exhibition of paintings and sculptures by five Jordanian artists
  at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation (10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.) \* Plastic art exhibition by Abir Abu Judeh, Sanaa Al Bourini and
- Hadil Bassam at Yarmouk University.

  Exhibition of paintings depicting national heritage, nature and the Arab woman by Laila Al Shawwa at Jordan National Gallery for Fine Arts.
- \* Exhibition of original aerial photos by Jane Tailor at hotel Jordan Intercontinental (all photos are for sale in aid of the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem),

#### THEATRE

\* English play entitled "The Brothie's Family" at the Royal Coltural Centre — 8:00 p.m.)

#### **LECTURES**

- ★ Lecture entitled "Es-Sadeb an important archiecological site in southern Jordan" by Dr. Manfred Linder at the Goethe Institute — 7:00 p.m.
- \* Lecture in Arabic on "The Soviet Jewish Immigration to Palestine" at the Royal Cultural Centre — 6:00 p.m.

### **Badran details Jordan's stand** on domestic, Middle East issues

few months to contain the economic crisis in Jordan and to stabilise the rate of exchange of the Jordanian dinar in its drive to implement an economic restructuring programme, Prime Minister Mudar Badran was quoted as saying in an interview published in London.

"Current policies adopted by the government are intended to reduce the margin of deficit in the national budget, increase national exports and encourage investments," the Prime Minister said in statements published in the London-based magazine," Al Majallah.

Referring to the corruption cases in Jordan, he said that the issue was dwelt on by the public prosecutor together with the judicial authorities. "The government, for its part, will soon submit to the Lower House of Parliament a draft law on dealing with

economic crimes," Badran said. In reply to a question about Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation on the local and regional levels, the Prime Minister said that a recent visit to Jordan by

sional associations in the Arab

World will Saturday open a two-

day meeting in Amman to discuss

the question of Jewish immigra-

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AMMAN (Petra) - Royal

Jordanian (RJ), the national air-

line, will operate two weekly

flights from Amman to Montreal

via New York in accordance with

an agreeement formally signed in

The agreement, which was in-

itiated here in 1988, is bound to

promote economic and touristic

cooperation between Jordan and

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**RJ** to fly

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Unions to discuss

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Baldaz, director general of the support the 29-month-old mifada Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in the West Bank and Gaza Strip

Canada's ambassador here. conference's agenda:

means of helping the Palestinian people under Israeli rule, a pan-Arab strategy to deal with threats posed to the Arab Nation in general and Palestine and Jordan in particular, and the need to hold an Arab summit on these issues.

But Badran denied that discussion covered the reopening of Palestinian offices in Jordan.

Referring to incidents in which certain elements infiltrated from Jordan into the occupied Palestinian land, the Prime Minister said they were of an individual and isolated nature; he also said that all Arab states confronting Israel realise the need for ensuring Jordan's stability and security so as to deny Israel the chance to exploit and benefit from such inci-

Referring to the np-coming summit, he said that Jordan and Palestine had been spearheading efforts to convene this summit which is expected to chart a pan-Arab strategy to deal with Soviet Jewish immigration and other pressing issues.

King Hussein's endeavours at

According to Dr. Mamdouh Al

will be followed by a march in the

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Hussein briege in a show of soli-

darity with the Palestinian people

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nians' right to return to their

Abbadi expected 5,000 people,

including the representatives of

the professional associations, to

take part in the march. "At least

200 heads of Arab professional

unions will be among those taking

part in the May 14 march, a five

kilometre stretch from the Mar-

tyrs monument near Karameh to

the bridge," Abbadi, who is pres-

ident of the Jordanian Profession-

Abbadi, who is also chairman

of a committee organising the

march, said that the Soviet Jewish

immigration to Israel and ways to

would be the main topics on the

al Association said.

AMMAN (J.T.) — The govern- Palestine President Yasser Arafat the international level, the Prime ment has succeeded over the past was dedicated to discussing Minister said, has helped to spread awareness among the world public opinion about dangers inherent in this immigration.

He said pan-Arab efforts are continuing to convince the Soviet Union of the grave consequences of this immigration which aims at uprooting Palestinians from their bomeland.

"Apart from launching efforts for the coming summit, Jordan and Palestine have agreed on coordinating efforts in political, informational, educational, cultural, economic and social cooperation that would benefit the steadfastness of the Palestinian people in the West Bank and the Gaza

Strip," the Prime Minister said. Asked on the United States position with regard to the Middle East issue, the Prime Minister expressed doubts about the possibility of Washington changing its stand an exercising p pressure on Israel because of the Jewish lobby's pressure on the United States Congress. "But this should not deter the Arabs from pursning efforts to exercise pressure on the U.S. administration," the Prime Minister said.

### EC, UNRWA sign

#### convention

AMMAN (J.T.) — A new EC-UNRWA convention for the period 1990-1992 was signed re-cently in Brussels. EC Commissioner for Mediterranean Affairs Abel Matutes received in Brussels Giorgio Giacomelli, commissioner general for UNRWA, for the occasion.

The new convention makes available some 72 million ECU (JD 58 million) for the three year period as a direct financial contribution to UNRWA's educational programme for Palestinian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the occupied territories. This is in addition to the European Community's food and contributions to UNRWA, which have an average value of 20 million ECU per year.

This marks the 7th such convention signed since 1971 between the community and UN-RWA. Community aid for the period 1972-89 is estimated at 429 million ECU.

KARAK (J.T.) - Her Majesty visited a family and enquired ducted a survey on the living Queen Noor Al Hussein Thurs-

Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday presents gifts to a school administration in Hamadieh during a tour

Queen visits south, hears

demands for better living

rural areas in the Karak and Tafileh governorates where she heard demands from the local residents for improved services and inspected living conditions of

The Queen's first stop was at Hamadieh village where she Other demands included a call opened a health centre, inspected a school and presented toys, sports equipment and books to the school administration.

Accompanied by Minister of Social Development Abdul Majid Shreideh and other officials including Inaam Al Mufti, direc-

of the south (Petra photo)

local families.

about its living conditions. She also took note of demands

day made an extensive tour of made at a public meeting by a local housewife from the Badia area calling for the establishment of community centres to provide local women with vocatinal train-

> on the government to open an animal feed distribution centre. provide better water, road services and housing units in the

According to the director of NHF's Social Development Progtor of the Noor Al Hussein rammes Department Issam development of the mineral Foundation (NHF), the Queen Zawawi, NHF had earlier con-springs of nearby Afra.

conditions of the village and made plans for improvements. He said NHF will, in cooperation with the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS). establish a charitable society at

Hamidieh. The Queen stopped later at Aimeh in the Tafileh region where she heard demand for a health centre, a community centre and for the National Aid Fund to provide financial assistance to the needy families.

The Queen opened a children's garden which cost JD 7,000 and called on the concerned authorities to allocate funds for the

### Water supply to rural community, a must for its development — seminar

AMMAN (J.T.) - A regional of subjects related to rural deseminar on rural water supply development which was concluded in Amman Thursday issued a set of recommendations calling among other things for clear policies to be taken by countries in the region in the area

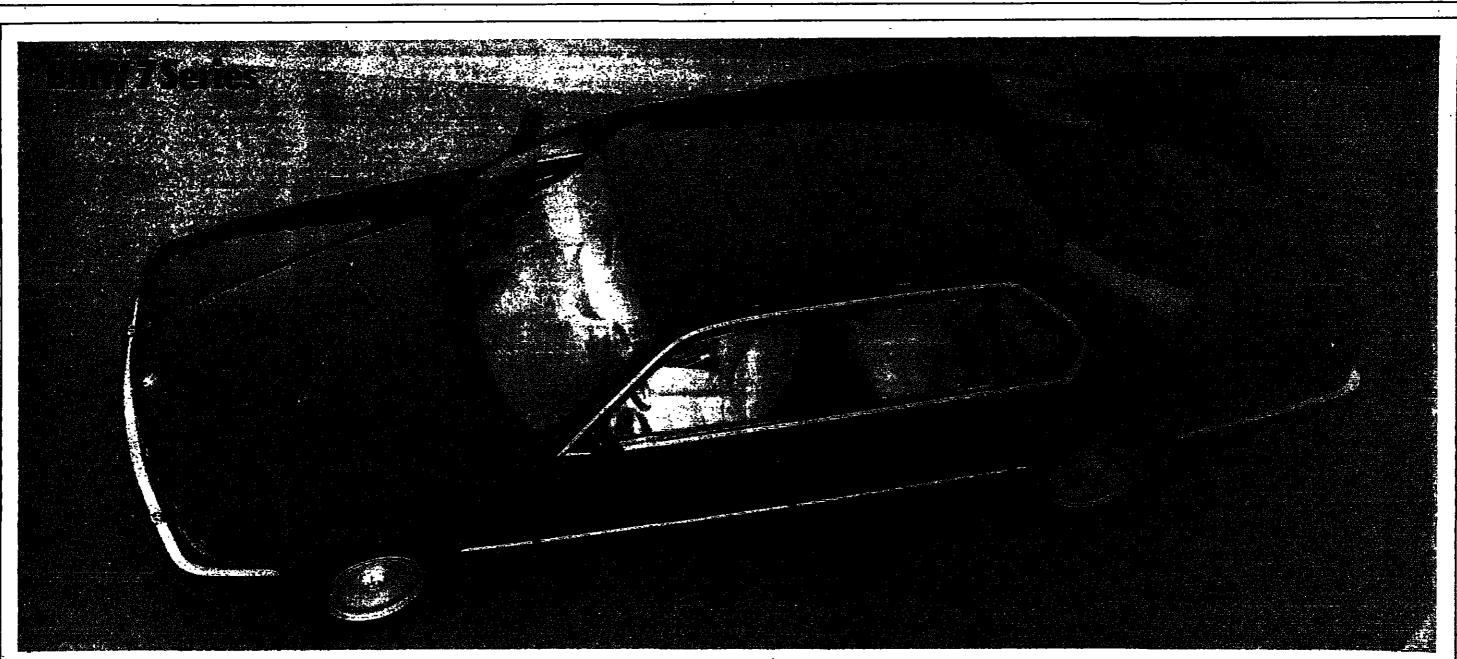
Arab countries, discussed a range water supply projects.

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Recommendations said that supply of water to rural communities should be an integrated part of an overall strategy for the said the seminar's communique. economic development of these of water supply and samifations communities; it underliked in raise community awareness of The seminar, organised under particular the limitations of good hygiene practices through the auspices of the World Health control oriented planning and mass media as well as propagators and blue print procedures in the extion through personal comattended by participants from 14 ecution and operation of rural

The integration of water, sanitation and hygiene education is essential for improving the health of the rural population and this requires close collaborationbetween concerned institutions,

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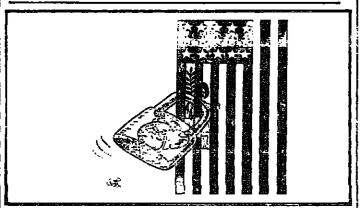
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# Setting the record

straight

IN THE COURSE of the last few days, the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) had more than one occasion to refute rumours that held the potential of poisoning the fiscal and economic atmosphere in the country. The governor of the CBJ submitted precise data fortified by undisputed figures about the bank's healthy reserves. The fact that the Central Bank's reserves are a hefty half a billion U.S. dollars already with projection that this amount can reach nearly three-fourths of a billion U.S. dollars before the end of the year is the clearest sign yet that Jordan's fiscal difficulties are being effectively redressed in a relatively short time. Yet, there is a limit to what the government can do to bolster the people's confidence in their own country and its ability to withstand all the economic and fiscal hardships imposed on it. Against the recurrent assurances from the government that the country's economy is well into recovery, it is imperative that Jordanians start believing in themselves and their country by putting a stop to the rumour mill that dishes out misinformation about the country's economic and fiscal strength.

In all fairness there are many Jordanians who gave full expression to their faith and confidence in their country by investing in various opportunities ranging from home. construction to business or industrial ventures. It is common knowledge that Jordan's exports have multiplied many times over in the past year thus ushering in a new era in Jordanian development. Many manufacturing enterprises are also mushrooming all over the country thereby promising a brighter economic picture for the future. Meanwhile, the exchange rate of the dinar has stabilised and is expected to maintain its strength. Also the government says it is confident that more Arab and international aid is in the offing which of course could provide a potent shot in Jordan's economic arm. Accordingly the total picture that is emerging from the corroborated data and statistics submitted by the Central Bank offer a clean bill of economic health for the country that should put an end to the preposterous insinuations that the country's economy is deteriorating.



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THE Arab people of Palestine revolting against Israeli occupation are in dire need of support from their brethren in the Arab World and their zeal and determination can be strengthened if the Arab brothers are united behind their cause, said Al Ra'i Arabic daily Friday. The decision to hold a summit meeting in Baghdad, said the paper, can give hope to the Palestinians, and a joint action that could be agreed on at the coming summit is bound to bolster their self-confidence and enthusiasm. Mere talks about the intifada and mere speeches here and there can not lend any real help to the Palestinian people and only through joint action in support of the oppressed Palestinians in deeds rather than words can be of real help to them, the paper added. The people of Palestine who have now started their thirtieth month of uprising against oppression are looking towards their brothers who will be meeting in Baghdad and are hoping that the Arab heads of state will reach consensus on collective action in the face of Israel's arrogance, the paper continued. It said that what is needed now is a translation of the Arab countries real feelings towards their brothers in Palestine.

A peaceful march towards the King Hussein Bridge on Monday symbolises the Arab people's determination to regain their right in Palestine, says Mahmoud Al Rimawi in his column Friday. The march is aimed also to focus the world public attention on the plight of the Palestinian people under occupation at a critical moment when the Israelis are escalating their oppression and absorbing more immigrants to settle on Arab land, says Rimawi in Al Ra'i Arabic daily. Determination to pursue the intifada on the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip can only promot the people in Jordan to carry out a token gesture in support of oppressed people's struggle and show the world the need for enabling the refugees who were turned out from their homeland to return and establish their state, the writer adds. The world should know, says Rimawi that the refugees have all the right to return to their own and lawful lands and must be helped to achieve that goal by all possible means.

Al Dustour daily dwelt again on the subject of an Arab summit meeting and said that it should be held in Baghdad which has been transformed into a real symbol for steadfastness in the face of aggression. By meeting in Baghdad the Arab heads of state emphasise the meaning of victory achieved by Iraq in the Gulf war and reinstate their determination to resist aggression from any source, said the paper. By meeting in Baghdad the Arabs will show beyond doubt that they are behind Iraq in thwarting Zionist conspiracies and defending Arab soil, the paper added. The paper called on Arab leaders to transcend all differences and meet in Baghdad in a show of solidarity with the Iraqi people in their flight for the defence of the Arab Nation.

View From Amman

## Israel vs. the Arabs

# Hostile opera, confused audience

WHILE black flags hung over the Holy Sepulchre Church. perhaps for the first time in its history, signifying Christian displeasure over the continued occupation by Jewish zealots of a building belonging to the Orthodox church, the stalemate over the forming of the Israeli cabinet also continued. Jewish rabbis from the various political parties in Israel, as well as a certain rabbi from Brooklyn, New York, remain undetermined as to whether to bless a cabinet by Peres or Shamir. In the meantime, the so-called peace process has halted, United States Secretary of State James Baker is saying nothing and we in the area are holding our breath to see what the rabbis will decide.

How did the aftairs of the region descend to such abysmal depths? How did the world come not only to ignore but their wishes? What is happening to us? To the Jews? are all questions that can, at least partially, be answered by a cursory examination of the Zionist view of the Arabs and also their view of their own exalted position as the "chosen

Two brief comments should be made before any such serious discussion. First, and most important is that we, Arabs are not wholly innocent of our plight or of what is happening to us. The victim is often a party to the crime against him. Our confusion, irrationality, lack of direction and organisation are but some of the reasons behind our degraded position in life. Second. there are a few Jews; some Zionists and some non-Zionists who also lament and

chauvinist extremist fundamentalism and the purely racist tendencies to name but a few phenomena. No less a man than Abba Eban, former Israeli minister of foreign affairs, complained of Israeli "religious extremism," adding (Sic), that Zionism is a "rebellion" against the ascendency of the rabbis, "against exclusivity." Be that as it may, the fact remains that what seems to be happening in Israel since 1967, indeed since 1948, even before, resembles a series of well produced, stage-managed affairs. Though the voices of the actors on the stage may at times appear discordant even contradictory, each separate voice along with the whole chorus is necessary for the final

While Menachem Begin, once called king of the Jews says something, his very able

Shamir, says something else. David Levy is somewhere in the background uttering something while Arik Sharon in a loud soprano, screeches something else as well. Benjamin Begin, son of Menachem, considered a rising Likud star, rumbles along joined vociferously by Eitan, Shamron, Arens and a great

Meanwhile, on the other side of the stage, the image of Golda Meir appears, flanked by Haim Weizman on one side and David Ben Gurion on the other. She looks tenderly at Shimon Peres as he takes centre stage, donning dove's feathers over his hawk's wings. Yithzak Rabin, emerges from somewhere in the background, and though in the camp of the doves, still sporting his talons and hawkish attire to push him along. With him too is a nately the virtues of peace and war at the same time.

Black robed rabbis with broad brimmed hats and locks of side hair intertwined with their long beards remain in the background. Watching the scene carefully a few onlookers cautiously venture onto the stage once in a while thundering one thing or another. The liturgy in the background, however, is constantly forming a formidable reverberating cacophony that keeps those on the stage, left, right and centre, utterly confused and disoriented. The movement of their collective torso bending forward and backward and their constant swaying give the appearance of constant motion while in fact all, including themselves, continue to be mesmerised in the same spot; and with them, they mesme-

rised the whole region; and through them they mesmensed the whole world, succeeding as they have in capturing through their litany and chanting the entire Western imagination and resources.

By Kamel S. Abu Jaber

And we in the audience continue to sit glued to what-is taking place before us, wringing our hands, scraching our heads and wondering; wondering in wonderment about them and us caught like two great rein deer in the tondra whose horns have entangled in a silent death struggle panting and dying in the cold ice of ignorance and hatred while those around are cheering us along as heartless spectators could cheer the death struggle be-

tween two great gladiators.
Underneath it all lies a terrible and hateful ideology that cannot seem to be able to distinguish right from wrongs.

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# ater! Water! next century's Mideast cry

By Fida Nasraliah

IT IS not oil, but water, which will be the most important geopolitical liquid in the Middle East in the next two decades. Control over the supply of fresh water sources-the lifeline of the Middle East - will be a crucial and dangerous goal. The "hydraulic imperative could greatly affect the strategic balance of power in the area, may shape inter-Arab alliances, and dictate the future of the Arab-Israeli dispute. The Arab states will have to act in concert over the water issue if they are to prevent themselves from being caught in a position of strategic inferiority.

This impending water crisis is due to a variety of factors-the population boom, growing industrialisation, increasing urbanisa-tion, and pollution. Moreover, it is not limited to any one region of the Middle East but applies to all three river systems in the area namely, the basins of the Tigris-Euphrates, the River Jordan and

Playing politics with the Euphrates

Turkey's decision last December to cut off the flow of the Euphrates for one month, in order to fill the reservoir of the Ataturk dam, precipitated a crisis for Ankara, Damascus and Baghdad which actually been brewing for some time. In fact ever since Turkey embarked upon its Grand Anatolian Project (GAP). Arab states have been apprehensive about the immediate and longterm implications of the Turkish plan. Indeed, once it is complete, GAP will comprise 21 dams and 17 hydro-electric power plants built on the Tigris and Euphrates rivers and their tributaries. This grand project, of which the Ataturk Dam is a major part, aims to transform 9.5 per cent of Turkey's total land area into the breadbasket of the Middle East by the year 2005.

Turkey's project has, with some justification, aroused fears in both Syria and Iraq. GAP will not merely affect the quantity of water available to those two downstream countries but its quality as well. Moreover, they consider Turkey's decision to withhold the river's waters could not have been motivated by technical considerations as the reservoir could have been filled in a fortnight and water from the Karakaya dam could have been used. Turkey's decision, they believe, had less to do with hydrology than with politics.

A number of issues are adversely affecting Turkish-Syrian relations. The most important is Syria's continued support of the Kurdish Marxist PKK in border clashes with Turkey. Official Syrian talk of the "stolen province" of Alexandretta (now Hatay) and the downing of a Turkish civilian plane by Syrian fighters last October have done nothing to improve the situation. But the recent changes in the international climate have had an impact on both countries. Syria now has problems with the USSR, be it on the level of arms supplies, or on blanket approval of political adventures. And Turkey has been reassigned by the United States the role of acting as a counterweight to the regional powers in the Middle East and to push political events in a direction more in line with Western interests. From this perspective, Turkey's actions on the Euphrates could be seen as a political manoeuvre in tune with American interests in continuing to

pressure Syria outside the agreed Lebanese context.

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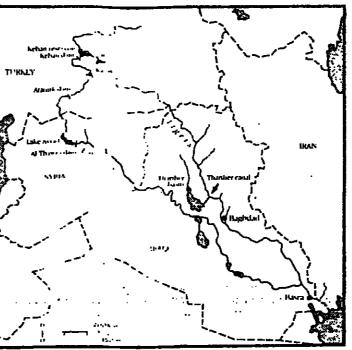
Turkey's disagreement with Iraq, however, is different. Turkey reaped many economic rewards from Iraq (and Iran) during the Gulf war - its Kirkuk pipeline being the only outlet available for the export of Iraqi crude. Moreover, its concern over possible concessions to the Kurds from either Iran or Iraq (a dangerous precedent for the Turkish government) led Turkey to join forces with Iraq against the Kurds, even carrying out operations in northern Iraq with the consent of the Iraqi government.

Despite such cooperation, however, Iraq's emergent position from the war as a formidable power in the Gulf has no doubt left the Turks uneasy. Ankara would, therefore, want to stem Iraq's influence by forging alliances with other powers (Iran, Pakistan) to prevent Iraq from reaping the rewards of its victory. Seen in the context of Turkey's Middle Eastern stability. Ankara's use of the water issue may be an attempt to demonstrate that it has a hold over Iraq.

Contention over the Jordan The River Jordan is the other basin over which there is considerable contention. Although much less impressive than the Euphrates in terms of water flow, it has much graver political implications. The Jordan, which originates in the highlands of Lebanon and Syria is used by Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel, and all of these states are experiencing water shortages. The river now satisfies 75 per cent of Jordan's water needs, but its water demands are expected to increase by 50 per cent by the year 2005 and shortages will reach crisis proportions in the mid-1990s. Syria's water problems, also becoming acute, have led to resumption of the construction of the Wahda Dam, on the Syrian-Jordanian border. This joint project with Jordan will tap the river's last undeveloped tributary the Yarmuk. But wether Israel will allow the project to proceed is an open question.

Israel is already using 95 per cent of its renewable water supplies, over half of it coming from the Jordan. Its continued agricultural expansion and domestic food production - part of its concept of "total defence"- will lead to a 30 per cent shortfall by the end of the century. Unless some agreement with other riparian states is reached, this water crisis could eventually lead to open conflict. Israeli officials constantly claim that water is their life and that they must therefore have complete control over its headwaters.

For Israel, the "hydraulic imperative" and the need to control its water resources has taken on an even greater importance than "secure borders". Indeed, in Israel's last electoral campaign, one of the Likud coalition's arguments for holding on to the occupied territories was that the West Bank and the Golan Heights provided Israel with 40 per cent of its fresh water. The price of withdrawal would be greater than that of continuing the occupation. Recently the Israeli authorities have been greatly concerned about a population explosion in the already densely populated Gaza Strip at the end of the century. This implies that Israel expects to hold on to these territories at



Israel's need for the Litani Lebanon. There is increasing

Israel's ambitions, however, are not limited to the waters of the Golan and the West Bank; they also include Lebanon's. One of the multiple objectives of Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982 was to control the waters of the Litani. American warnings to Israeli generals that the Litani constituted a "red line" went unheedded. Geological and topographic studies were begun in 1983, and by 1985 Israel had completed ducts aimed at diverting the waters of the Wazzani, one of Litani's tributaries, near the town of Marjayun in South

concern that Israel is merely waiting for the right political circumstances to implement these projects. Its water crisis is beginning in 1990 and water expenditure is expected to rise from its current level of 1,750 million cubic metres a year to 2,500 million a year by the year 2000. In the light of this and in view of its plans to absorb 900,000 Soviet Jews, Isreal's occupation of part of south Lebanon is vital and its eventual annexation a likely objective.

Tel Aviv eyes the Nile Israel also has ambitions concern-

waters of the Nile under the building three dams located near once they are completed they will enable Ethiopia to dictate the flow of the water to Egypt and Sudan. This is because 83-85 per cent of the waters of the Blue Nile flowing into Egypt originate in Ethiopia. Such a problem would threaten Egypt's national security and provide Egypt with a casus belli against Ethiopia. But Israel has other stategic interests in cooperating with the Ethiopian government, to prevent the Eritrean rebels from winning their fight for independence, a victory which might bring the Red Sea under effective Arab hegemony.

The need for Arab cooperation The exploitation of Arab waters - be they of the Euphrates, the Jordan, the Litani, or the Nile - renders it impossible to separate economics from politics. It is, therefore, imperative for the Arabs to work towards a unified strategy which will discourage separate agreements, put an end to inter-Arab conflicts, and encourage Arab reconciliation.

Because of the severe economic damage which water politics is liable to inflict on both Syria

ing the Nile. Having failed to come for them to bury the hatch-secure Egyptian for diverting the et and pursue some sort of peaceful, concerted effort to reach an Camp David agreements, Israel agreement over an equitable wahas shifted its attention to ter-sharing formula with Turkey. Ethiopia. Israeli engineers have The signals from Damascus for already begun preparations for negotiation and inter-Ba'athist reconciliation seem clear. Syrian the River Abay - one of the Nile's officials have been claiming that tributaries. These are part of a the economic, political and securvast project aimed at improving ity implications of the stemming agriculture and irrigation, but of the flow of water to downstream countries need to be addressed jointly by the Arabs rather than by Iraq and Syria separately. An even stronger olive branch is Syria's decision to make up for Iraq's loss by using the waters of its own reservoir in Lake Assad. As for Iraq, Saddam Hussein's decision to send his oil minister, Mr Issam Al Jalabi, to Ankara to negotiate over the water issue is a reminder of the mutual stakes involved in maintaining good relations. Syria and Iraq seem to be on the road to opting for a peaceful initiative. This should, however, be accompanied by considerable Arab backing.

Arab reconciliation and cooperation is required on other fronts as well. In the 1950s, Ben Gurion's strategy was to sidestep the Arab World by cultivating ties with Turkey in the north, Iran in the east, and Ethiopia in the south. The fall of the shah in Iran and Turkey's opening to the Arabs have left Ethiopia the last pillar of this strategy. The onus is now on the Arab states to forge a unified front and work towards a comprehensive Arab strategy for the defence of Arab water - Midand Iraq, the time may have dle East International, London.

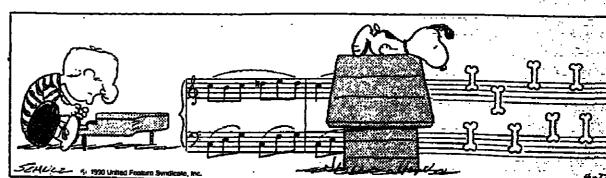
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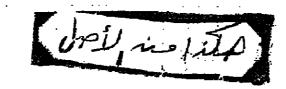


### Andy Capp



### **Peanuts**





# Avision of blindness—Israel and the intifada

Jane Taylor was born in Malacca, but from the age of nine grew up on a farm in West Sussex. Since 1971 her life has been divided between freelance television production, writing and photography around the world.

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FOR three days five-year-old Mohammad did not smile. He had been brought to the children's ward of St. John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem one Friday with a lime-burned cornea. Earlier that day, at home in Jabaliya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, Israeli soldiers had ordered a group of teenagers to whitewash over some pro-PLO graffiti. When a handful of smaller boys started throwing stones, a soldier hurled the can of whitewash, catching Mohammad full in the face.

A nurse came to change his dressing and showed me the opaque milky film covering the whole

On the fourth day Mohammad ventured a smile, and from then on this eye-patched activist recovered his natural effervescence. When we discovered a swing on an outing to the hospital garden, you would have thought paradise had come to earth - there are few swings in Jabaliya.

For Chris Balouris, an American doctor working at St. John's for a year, Mohammad's treatment posed a problem. In North America or Europe a corneal graft would be done after a year or so when the eye had settled, and with good bygiene and regular checks there would be every chance of full recovery.

Here in Jerusalem, by contrast, there is a serious shortage of corneas for grafting - for the Arab population. Consignments (mainly from the U.K. and USA) are erratic and infrequent, and are under recurrent threat of having an import tax imposed. There is always a waiting-list. Even if Mohammad were lucky, Jabaliya is scarcely the best environment for recovery - access is difficult, conditions dusty and dirty, monitoring limited; and if there were rejection of the new comes, getting him back to Jerusalem for treatment could present problems. The movement of Gaza Arabs become more troubled almost daily; and it is already common for ambulances carrying Arabs in need of urgent medical attention to be delayed until the condition is past treat-

Rather than run the risk of a worse infection, said Dr. Balouris, it might be preferable to let this little Gazan go blind in one eye. Such agonising decisions have become normal for those who work for the health of the Arab population in the territories occupied by Israel since 1967.

St. John Ophthalmic Hospital is known to the Arabs whom it serves simply as Mastashia Al Ayoun, the eye hospital. There is no other. I had gone there to see something of its work, in particular as it has been affected by the intifada.

It is a remarkable institution, founded in 1882 when Britain was at-the height of its wealth and empire. The new and grandiously named "Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Ierusalem" looked back to its crusader namesake whose famous bospital and church in 12th century Jerusalem had care for poor and sick pilgrims. Disturbed that Russia, France, Austria and Germany all had charitable institutions in the Holy Land while the the then richest nation on earth did not, and seeing that eye disease was a major medical problem in the Middle East, with little provision for its treatment, they decided to found an ophthalmic

bospital. One hundred years later eye disease is still a major problem congenital glaucoma and diabetes are common and can cause total of partial loss of vision; and aithough trachoma has been all but eradicated amongst young Palestinians by a campaign run by St. John's in the early '80s, the scarring of the cornea that often results from it years later is still a major cause of blindness among the many older people who had trachoma before then. Cataracts too are common -- so easily dealt with given adequate monitoring and treatment facilities, and funds; but for most Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza these facilities and funds are severely

Huge advances in recent years in drugs, equipment and techniques have made ophthalmic treatment quicker and better. They have also made the bills bigger. For any hospital this is a problem; for a charity hospital like St. John's it is a threat to survival. There were, indeed, moments when closure seemed inevitable; but now, with the support of Their Majesties King Hussein

limited.

national effort is underway to create an endowment fund to cover the costs of this unique hospital in perpetuity.

These costs include running an 80-bed hospital and treating 50,000 patients per year, of which about 5,000 have major surgery and in-patient treatment. There is also an active outreach programthe, with a team from St. John's visiting villages and refugee camps in the West Bank twice a week - vital for detecting potentially blinding conditions at an early stage — and the Gaza Strip once a week.

#### International nature

Today St. John's is a minor United Nations, Still Britishowned, both the matron and the warden-chief surgeon are British, and some of the doctors and norsing sisters; but there is also a regular turn-over of other Europeans, Americans, Canadians and Australians. The majority of doctors, however, including the deputy warden, are Palestinians. Highly qualified (most trained in Europe or the United States) they are increasingly the mainstay of the hospital, for while most of the foreigners stay only for a year, for the Palestinians it is home, and it is their own people they are serving. The same is true of the nurses.

From 7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. the out-patients clinic teems with all ages and conditions of people grandmothers, their white hair turned orange with henna, wearing long, finely emboridered dresses; younger women, in offthe peg dresses, gaudily machineembroidered, carrying a baby or leading a child, or both; robed old men, white-bearded like patriarchs, with white keffiyes on their heads; younger men and children in universal Western clothes. Many wear eye-patches, many tenderly help others to find where they must go. In this crowded kingdom of the blind, the one-eyed man is not so much . king as guide and comforter.

Such gentle sanity pervades the hospital; yet the escalating insanity of the world outside is all too visible in the injuries of many of the patients, for the intifada has created a new genre of eye problem. In the first two years 227 people were treated at St. John Ophthalmic Hospital for eve injuries directly related to the uprising. Of these, 70 lost the sight of one eye, 27 having to have the eye removed, 83 injuries were caused by soldiers beating people over the head; 43 by what the Israeli army calls "harmless" rubber or plastic bullets; five by live bullets; and two from limeburn - the first was four-yearold, five-year-old Mohammad was the second. In January 1990 a third lime-burn victim was brought in, aged three.

### 'Harmless bullets'

There has also been a marked increase in the number of traumatic cataracts and squints. I saw a languidly smiling baby who had been brought in with a bad squint. The British orthoptist, Judith Musailam, did all the usual tests and Yasmin smiled, but scarcely moved. At 20 months she could not walk or stand, or even sit upright without support. Her story was quietly told: when she was two months old there was a clash - just one of many - between a group of children and some Israeli soldiers. The soldiers tear-gassed the whole village, aiming several grenades into houses (clearly stated as highly dangerous in the American manufacturers' instructions). The older children in the family all vomited, but Yasmin became unconscious, and for two weeks was in a come in Mokassed Hospital in Jerusalem. Though she has grown since then, her muscles remain limp. The squint was part of this, merely a minor effect of

the tear-gas. While Yusmin was still in Judith Musallam's consulting room, Michael Griffiths, a British army doctor on secondment for one year, came in and out an X-ray on the light box to examine it. In the middle of the left eye socket was a circular space, about one centimetre in diameter -one of the so-called rubber bullets, in fact a metal ball with a thin coating of rubber, at 30 grammes much heavier than regular bullets.

"She's in the clinic now if you

would like to see her." Arabiya, a pretty and lively student nurse, was chatting and laughing with a nurse as she awaited Dr. Griffiths' return. One day, about two months earlier, she had been walking down the street of her home town, and Queen Noor, a major inter- Ramallah, on her way to college



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in Jerusalem. It was around 11 in the morning and all was quiet. Suddenly she felt a searing pain in her left eye and, putting her hand up, found blood running down her face. At first she thought it

was a stone but, as soon became apparent, it was one of the "harmless" army bullets. The eye had to be removed. She was in the clinic now for a check-up, and to make an appointment to have an artificial eye fitted. Will you continue your nurs-

ing training?" I asked. She laughed. "Heavens, they won't stop me so easily! Only if they get the other eye too." Don't expect a de luxe strug-

gle." an Israeli army spokesman advised me. "No, I don't think I was expecting the de luxe."

When so many basic provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention have been disregarded there seems little chance of the de luxe. Even if we limit our vision to the medical field -- when Arab ambulances carrying critically injured people are delayed on their way to hospital; when doctors are prevented from seeing injured Arab patients; when licences are withheld from Arab ambulance drivers; when these ambulance drivers are beaten up or shot while helping the wounded; when Arab hospitals are violently raided by the army; when vital organs - including eyes - go missing without permission of the families from the bodies of Arabs who have died in Israeli hospitals - no, I was not expecting the de

"We are working with the Red Cross on the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention," the spokesman assured me. He did not add that the Red Cross does not see eye to eye with the Israeli government on the implementation of the Convention; nor did he mention their castigation of 'practices which violates the fundamental principles of humanitarian law" - a break from their normal impartiality.

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I had gone to the spokesman to ask what the army's guidelines were on the use of bullets against stone-throwers.

"You have to realise that this is a situation of the greatest complexity. There are many things that are difficult to explain. In a normal war the more people killed the better, but in this war the more killed the worse it is." "Can you call it a war when

one side has only stones?" He was indignant: "And molotoy cocktails."

"All right, stones and molotov cocktails. That still doesn't add up to guns and tear-gas. And many of your opponents are children. To the world outside it could seem more like repression than war.'

"The world is often wrong. The Israeli army is certainly in a dilemma with children; this is a completely new phenomenon. It is even hard to explain why soldiers are fighting civilians - it is part of the global development of the Israeli-Arab confli

Global development? I had only asked about bullets. You still have not answered

my question - what are the army's rules on the use of bullets against stone-throwers?" "The Israeli army is responsi-

ble for keeping order until a political solution is found. It has to do what it can within the framework of law to keep order. We know that every time someone is killed it is bad for us; and it's another reason for the Arabs to continue the intifada. We are categorically against violence."

### 'Mistakes'

I made a last attempt to escape this Alice through the Looking

"Please would you tell me if there are any rules at all on the use of bullets against people armed with stones? I'm getting the impression that there are none, that it is left to the indiFive-year-old Mohammad from

Jabaliya refugee

sbortage of corness

for grafting (for the

Arab population) it

is uncertain

whether Moham-

mad will ever see

again out of his

right eye (Photo by

vidual to decide when to shoot."

"On the contrary, soldiers have

very precise orders; they may

only use bullets when they are in

to me what possible danger could

have been posed by a young

student nurse quietly on her way

to college that she should get a

"Mistakes can always happen,"

With 823 Palestinians dead in

the first two years of the intifada,

and 41.147 wounded (nearly one

third aged 15 and under) in the

West Bank and Gaza, there

seemed to have been a terrifying

number of mistakes. These are

UNRWA's figures, based on

cases in their own health centres

or in local hospitals, all of which

have to be reported, with names.

to the Israeli authorities: for ob-

vious reasons many injuries are

not treated in official hospitals or

clinics. Figures from the Data-

base Project on Palestinian Hu-

man Rights (Jerusalem and Chi-

cago), whose information comes

from unofficial as well as official

sources, shows the same number

of deaths but around 80,000 se-

rious injuries, of which about

4000 resulted in permanent dis-

ability -- paralysis, the loss of a

limb or an eve. In the same two

year period 35 Israelis were killed

and 2,368 wounded in the intifada

"Of all people the Gazans are

the most accursed," a Jerusalem

doctor had told me. I was to

glimpse a corner of that truth for

Every Saturday since the be-

ginning of the intifada, as an

extension of the normal outreach

programme, a team from the St.

John Ophthalmic Hospital makes

the two-hour drive to Rafah at

the southern end of the Gaza

Strip. Here in a scruffy and primi-

tive ophthalmic clinic funded by

the Arab Medical Association.

cataract operations are per-

formed free of charge under local

or in related incidents.

bullet in her eye?"

sighed the spokesman.

Then perhaps you can explain

danger.'

Jame Taylor)

camp in the Gaza chic houses, a tennis court, swim-Strip. The day beming pool and riding stables nearfore this photo was by. The 'Hawaii of Israel," it is taken an Israeli solcalled - though this is Gaza, not dier had thrown a Israel - for it has been acquired can of whitewash for the use of a handful of Israeli over him, resulting settlers, while 700,000 Gazans live in a lime-burned in crowded poverty nearby. cornea. With a

hour later again.

A few of us stood by an open

Then our eyes started smarting

to the two doctors who run the and there was whiff of tear-gas, clinic for the rest of the week. We set off at 6 a.m. and were

waved through the Gaza checkpoint by a beaming, burly soldier. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief - it is not always so easy and quick. The last part of the journey was along the kind of coast that dreams and films are made of

- white beach, aquamarine sea with rolling waves, and here and there a cluster of beach huts, with

Then we entered Rafah, a squalid town grown more squalid with battering and neglect. All the shops were open as there was no strike, and the streets were full of cheerful bustle. As we neared the clinic we saw a handful of Israeli soldiers moving in. Within half an hour all the shops were shuttered and barred, by which time we were inside the clinic and the first operation was underway. The shooting began about half an

window of the first floor at the side of the building, with a partial view of the street, listening to the sound of gunfire that was only just out of sight. Suddenly the shouting became louder.

'Someone has been hit." said Saleh, the St. John's driver and universal fixer. "Certainly wounded, maybe killed, I don't

so we closed the window for a while and just listened. When we opened it again a few people were standing in doorways, looking in the direction of gunfire. A few soldiers rushed by, swigning guns in front of them, and the occasional jeep or armoured car drove

down the street, enclosed by

stout metal grilles against stones. Suddenly there was shooting iust outside the clinic, then men shouting and women screaming. Saleh came running to our window from one at the front where he had seen a young man being shot and taken into the house immediately opposite our window. Blue folding metal doors were hurriedly opened and an aged car was driven out with a figure slumped in the back.

"His family are taking him to hospital; but I am sure he is dead," said Saleh. "His brother was killed last week."

Half an hour later the shooting stopped. In the 11/2 hours it had lasted Dr. de Cock had done two more operations, quietly disregarding the insanity in the streets. Another operation was performed in an eerie post-gunfire

All four cataract patients that morning were women, and all came merrily out of the theatre with a patch over one eye, a smile and a joke, only lying down against because they were told to, otherwise they would have walked straight home. I asked one how she had felt having her eye operated on while she was still conscious, and with gunfire all around.

"Normal," she said with a nonchalant shrug.

"Quiet day," said one of the old men who had been sitting in

As we drove back to Jerusalem it was announced on the Hebrew news that a young man of 20 had been killed in Rafah, adding that he had been shot in the back. Three days later the Jerusalem Post reported the death of a 13-year-old Rafah boy, wounded in a clash with troops on Saturday — the one for whom we had heard the first outbreak of shouting that morning.

A quiet day, all quiet normal. not much different from the day before or the day after; for in Gaza and the West Bank the unspeakable has become the unquiet and disquieting normality.

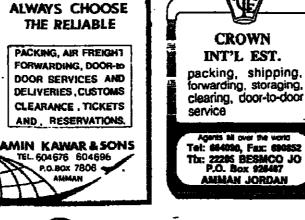
#### **High Above Jordan**

There will be an exhibition of some of Jane Taylor's aerial photographs of Jordan in the lobby of the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel throughout British Week - 12 to 17 May. All the photographs are on sale, and all the proceeds

will be donated to the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem.







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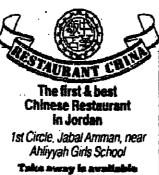
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### Egypt close to debt accord with IMF

CAIRO (R) - Egypt appears on the brink of sealing an agreement with the International Monetary Fundy (IMF) that would bolster an economy reeling under \$50 billion of deb! but bring further hardship to the man in the street.

Egyptian and IMF teams over the last few days have been holding their latest round of talks in Washington, President Hosni Mubarak told reporters Thursday that 18 months of negotiation had vielded agreement.

"It is fair to say they are nearer than they have been," said one W. ...ern diplomat. "Presumably they will need at least one more round."

In addition to giving Egypt badly-needed INIF standby credit, an agreement is likely to release new credits from Western aid donors and allow Cairo to go to the Paris Club of creditor nations to reschedule about a tenth of its foreign debts.

Egypt desperately needs cash to finance imports of wheat. stocks of which have fallen to dangerously low levels.

A key IMF demand has been that Egypt take measures to reduce its massive budget deficit, and diplomats say an accord is likely to bring further painful doses of austerity medicine above and beyond last wer a's increases of up to 130 per cent in the prices of subsidised food, petrol and

Similar increases in 1977 led to bloody riots that forced a fast No disturbances were reported...

cooking gas.

following the latest price rises, and diplomats say most Egyptians seem resigned to further mea-

Over the last year the government has gradually introduced a series of "stealth" price increases while at the same time holding out a safety net for the poorest of

the country's poor.
The IMF has been urging Egypt to raise its interest rates and allow the over-valued pound to float against other currencies. Those moves would help stem



the creeping dollarisation of an economy, in which, according to economists, around 50 per cent of bank deposits are now denominated in the U.S. currency.

But in the short-term the moves would also add to inflation and put pressure on the balance sheets of Egyptian banks, which have borrowed heavily in dollars.

The government is likely to announce additional austerity measures next month when it releases its budget for the financial year that begins July 1.

# Japan eyes more LNG imports

TOKYO (R) - Fast-growing energy demand and the need to cut pollution will spur substantial growth in Japan's liquefied natura! gas (LNG) imports and the Middle East could become a mafor supplier, industry sources and analysts said.

"Demand for LNG from the Japanese electric power industry is likely to increase by 8.5 million tonnes over the next 10 years and demand from gas utilities will rise by 5.5 million tonnes over the same period," said Masatoshi Shioiri, analyst at UBS Philips and Drew International Ltd.

Japan imported 33.09 million tennes of LNG in 1989, up 7.6 per cent from 30.77 million tonnes in 1988, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (IvIII) statistics show. About 75 per cent was for electric power use and the rest for gas com-

"It is highly possible the government will revise its forecast of Japanese LNG demand sharply upward," said Tsutomu Toichi, chief economist at the Institute of Energy Economics (IEE) Japan. The institute expects demand in the year 2000 to be 48 million tonnes, against 38 million estimated by IviTTI.

MITI expects to complete a revision of its long-term energy

Japan currently has contracts allowing it to import a total of 38 million tonnes of LNG a year,

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) —

Some 5,000 landless peasants

marched through the capital

Thursday demanding swift ac-

problem, it's a solution."

chanted the demonstrators as

they descended on the national

congress brandishing machetes, hoes and shovels

and waving red banners read-

often sparked bloody clashes

and divided this nation of 150

million people. Half of Brazil's

arable land is in the hands of

four per cent of the popula-

Amnesty International says some 1,000 killings linked to

land conflicts between ran-

chers and peasants and church

leaders have occurred since

By Glenn Somerville

Reuter

WASHINGTON - Recent

U.S. government statistics

have painted such a confusing

picture of the economy's direc-

tion that one analyst calls them

schizophrenic while others say

First the U.S. economy was

bounding forward in the first

three months of 1990 at a

hyperactive rate, making the

market fearful of accelerating

of weak employment statistics

last Friday, it appeared that the economy was swinging into

such a deep slowdownthat it

would need a strong dose of

lower inferest rates to spur

mentaly reports from govern-

ment agencies like commerce

and labour departments on

such diverse subjects as manu-

facturing, investment, jobs and

The welter of contradictory

growth.

Then, with the publication

and higher interest rates.

they are deeply flawed.

tion, the government says.

"We want land now."

The issue of land reform has

"Agrarian reform is not a

tion on agrarian reform.

supply sources, Toichi said.

If carbon dioxide emission controls to deal with the environmental problems of global warming become stricter, this will not be enough, Toichi said, and Japan would have to look for new pro-

Such new LNG capacity would help replace coal and oil-fired power geneation. LNG emits about half the carbon dioxide of oil when burned.

About 52 per cent of total LNG imports in 1989 came from Indonesia, 20 per cent from Malaysia, 16 per cent from Brunei, seven per cent from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), three per cent from the U.S. and the rest from Australia and Algeria, according to MITI figures.

The new interest in LNG also results from greater Japanese government concern about securing stable sources of energy supp-

Many of the known LNG suppiles are located in politically stable areas such as Australia. Alaska and Southeast Asia, whereas much of Japan's oil supply comes from "politically unstable" Middle East, UBS Philips and Brews's Shioiri said.

already have sufficient long-term LNG contracts to meet demand

The demonstration, which

ended the three-day landless

rural workers' national con-

vention, drew thousands of

peasants from the remotest re-

gions of South America's

largest nation to this modernis-

In a 56-point declaration.

the peasants demanded Presi-

dent Fernando Collor de Mello

make good on his campaign

promise last year to give land

The protestors, led by union

bosses and leaders of the far-

left workers party, also deman-

ded the government distribute

12 million acres (five million

hectares) of land to 1.4 million

families, as promised by for-

Sarney, a civilian rancher

U.S. economy up and down

"Market participants need

profits have professional advis-

to keep two tracks in sight on

the recent data: an economy

growing nicely, having seen the

worst of a slowdown, or an

economy that is headed toward

a good deal of weakness where

the first-quarter data may have

given false signals." said Allen

Sinai, chief economist for the

Confusion

He called that Schizophre-

Sinai offered that assessment

following publication of April

figures showing a surprising

rise in the unemployment rate

to 5.4 per cent from 5.2 per

cent in March and an anaemic

The employment report was

recession-like Sinai said, but

it contradicted other reports

showing a rebound in the eco-

nomy and a pickup in manufac-

pace of job creation.

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Schizophrenic statistics show

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tic capital.

Brazil's landless demand reform

and could squeeze another 14 to and are unwilling to expand their 15 million tonnes from existing sources actively because of the high cost of developing new supplies, industry sources said.

Oatar, for instance, has strong interest in selling LNG to Japan, but Japanese users are still hesitant to contribute to development projects so far away, they said.

LNG tankers are very expensive and the longer distance means that you need more tankers," one source said.

But over the long term, the Middle East may be a major

"After the year 2000, the Middie East, in particular Qatar, could be a very big source," IEE's Toichi said.

"Utilities are now expected to

meet increasing demand mainly by boosting imports from existing suppliers, although in the long term they will be seeking new suppliers," Shioiri said.

Tokyo Electric Power Company Inc. plans to double its LNG imports from Abu Dhabi in 1994 from the current contracted 2.06 million tonnes a year to meet growing power demand.

Abu Dhabi is Tokyo Electric's third-largest LNG supplier with a per cent share, after Malaysia Japanese utilities, however, and Brunei. The firm also imports LNG from Australia, Alas-ka and Indonesia.

86.4 million acres (35.6 million

hectares) of land during his

five-year term that ended

March 15. He also promised to

build homes for 5.7 million

families before the year 2000.

Hoever, landowners with

powerful congressional lobbies

repeatedly blocked efforts at

reform. Only 115,080 families

have so far benefited from the

the number of homeless is

growing, we want to know

what the new government plans to do," said Egidio

Bruneto, leader of the rural

Collor, who became Brazil's

first popularly leader since

1960, has repeatedly pledged

to bring about a "peaceful and

socially just" agrarian reform

Gross national product

(GNP) the broadest measure

of the nation's economic activ-

ity, grew at a healthy 2.1 per

cent annual rate in the first

quarter after a weak 1.1 per

cent in the final quarter of last

the manufacturing economy

picked up slightly in April -

after an 11-month decline.

Orders went up for a third

straight month because exports

were strong: The Bush administration,

surveying the recent data.

seemed to have concluded that

the seven-and-a-half year eco-

nomy expansions was in

Published reports say Presi-

dent George Bush telephoned

Senate majority leader George

Mitchell within hours of receiv-

ing advance news of the weak

April jobless report. He prop-

osed budget negotiations at

jeopardy.

Purchasing managers said

and protect Indian rights.

"The goals were not met and

programme.

workers' union

# OPEC plays shrewd game in reviving prices

By Nicholas Moore Reuter

LONDON — The leaders of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) play-ed poker they would be dangerous men to meet.

Just a month ago on April 11, New York oil futures sank to \$16.25 per barrel, down 25 per cent since January and the lowest in more than a year. They looked ready to extend the slide under the weight of a new world glut. The glut persists. But ben-

chmark U.S. prices are back up around \$19. Much of the rally can be attri-

buted to the skill of OPEC in persuading traders that they might have been wrong to be widely sceptical about its ability to cut excess crude oil produc-

"OPEC was playing a poor deck and it played it well," said Nauman Barakat, a vicepresident with trading house Shearson Lehman Hutton inc. Barakat and others said it was

difficult for OPEC members whose production has risen above their assigned quotas to cut back when hoped-for extra demand for oil does not materialise.

They do not want to annoy customers. And besides losing money now, they risk a permanent forfeit of market shape.

balance - like central banks nomist with London finance intervening on foreign exchanges. -Currency dealers know the banks do not have pottomless coffers. But nobody wants to be first to get "burned" by their snap

buying or selling.

A month ago, OPEC President
Sadek Boussena of Algeria got oil prices up off \$16 just by leaking word that ministers were consulting by telephone about output

An actual emergency meeting was put off until early May. Agreement at those talks to cut almost 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd), or six per cent, off total OPEC output from May through July was initially met with derision in the market.

But futures, after dropping a dollar, have now rallied again partly, market participating say, on a feeling that the accord may not be as phoney as it first iooked.

Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, has telexed customers asking for voluntary cuts in already agreed May liftings of oil The United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Nigeria and Indonesia have announced specific, if modest, measures. Trade sources say Kuwait, a leading over-producer, may at least curb spot sales.

Traders were probably right to be sceptical about OPEC being able to cut 1.5 million barrels, But OPEC kept traders off said Geoff Pyne, an energy eco-

house UBS-Phillips and Drew. But he added: "The market does believe that it can accomplish at least half of that. Half might just be enough to buy time. People will be looking to stronger demand later in the year and will be unwilling to sell the market

A cut of perhaps 700,000 barreis would bring actual OPEC output to around 22.75 million bpd, against estimates of underlyng daily demand for its crude oil of around 21 million for the current, traditionally weak second quarter of the year.

down."

The challenge would then be to persuade the oil industry, and those of its own members like Iran which hold unsold cargoes. to want to hold the surplus in the form of stocks. To do that, they must expect firmer prices later

#### Kick demand up

Higher gasoline consumption in the summer holiday driving season and the call for winter fuel in the northern hemisphere should kick demand up by around August, and the market is now signalling that higher autumn prices are indeed a prospect. October futures are up near \$20.

Among short-term question marks about OPEC's ability to expert discipline, one hangs over

# **East Kodak sees better** financial picture in 1990

ORLANDO, Florida (R) -Eastman Kodak Company, the world's largest maker of photographic products, said last week it saw an improved financial picture for the rest of the year partly because of opportunities in Eastem Europe.

"As 1990 unfolds, and our gains, from restructuring take hold, we look forward to higher sales, better earnings and improved cash flows especially in the latter part of the year," Eastman Kodak Chairman Colby Chandler told shareholders at the annual meeting.

The giant photographic company showed a 62 per cent drop in profits last year.

Photographics products group Vice-President William Fowble said he expects electronic imaging products and systems will provide new earnings opportunities. Fowble said he expects East-

But Collor has made little

Newly named Agriculture

cocnrete headway towards

Minister Antonio Cabrera

Filho recently told reporters

the government plans to settle

families on 123-acre (50-

hectare) plots of land. The

programme will cost the cash-

strapped government as much

as 7.5 million dollars, he said.

However, the government

first wanted to study models of

land reform being carried out

in Spain, Taiwan and Chile

before taking similar steps,

In the meantime, Brazil's 12

million landless peasantes liv-

ing on the poverty line have

grown increasingly violent and

entered into clashes with

which anything, including

The White House is con-

cerned that the economy is

under pressure from the mas-

sive U.S. budget deficit. Many

economists believe that high

government borrowing raises

interest rates throughout the

economy and squeezes out

borowing by business, crimp-

The White House and Con-

gress appear ready to consider

a range of measures from

value-added taxes to user fees.

higher excise taxes on liquor

and cigarettes or a national

sales tax in order to tackle

But Lawrence Chimerine,

an independent economist,

said it was misguided to think

that the economy had abruptly

turned down on the basis of the

numbers that are erratic,"

"The economy doesn't change that quickly. It's the

rising government debt.

April jobs report.

Chimerine said.

ing growth.

taxes, could be discussed.

powerful landowners.

Cabrera said.

agrarian reform.

20 per cent a year. In Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, there is a large

rent-up demand for high-quality photographic products and services," he said. The Rochester, New Yorkbased company is negotiating a number of joint ventures in the

of consumer products such as film, cameras and finishing supplies, Fowble said. The talks involve facilities to

build ink-jet printers and X-ray processors.

"We are really at the start of a growth curve in this part of the world," said Fowble, "But it is one with enormous potential and, in Eastern Europe, already a profitable one."

Chandler reported progress on 12.5 cents to 37.75.

man's imaging business in East- a reorganisation plan to turn ern Europe to grow at the rate of around the photography giant.

Last year's profits plummeted to \$529 million from \$1.4 billion in 1988, with Kodak attributing the setback to restructuring costs, higher interest rates and exchange rate fluctuations that cut into overseas earnings.

"We have sold or closed a number of businesses which either did not add significant Soviet Union that involve the sale valve or did not strategically fit with the company's direction," Chandler said.

He said Kodak cut staff by five per cent world-wide and that the employee wage dividend formula has been tied to company per-

"The payback will become visible through the second half of 1990 " *C*'handler said.

Eastern Kodak shares on the New York stock exchange gained

### **AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES**

Thursday, May 10, 1990

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## **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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French francs

Japanese yen

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Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns 6.2045/55 Danish crowns One ounce of gold 368.65/369.05 U.S. dollars

### **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**

SYDNEY — Resource stocks were supported by stronger metal prices. The All Ordinaries Index ended 10.1 up at 1484.6. HONG KONG - Shares slid in cautions trade. The Hang Seng Index closed down 24.96 to 2,960.46. SINGAPORE -- The stock market closed on a firmer note as

buyers returned in the afternoon to push prices higher over a broad front. The Stratis Times Industrial index jumped nine points to end at 1,532.27. BOMBAY --- Profit-taking by mutual funds checked an early

technical rally. The Bombay Stock Exchange Index closed 1.23 points higher at 780.73. FRANKFURT --- The approach of elections in the large states of

North Rhine-Westphalia and Lower Saxony kept investors

cautious. The Dax Index fell 18.39 points to 1,875.03. ZURICH -- The All-Share SPI Index rose 16.92 points to 1,129.1. "Orders are coming from all the countries surrounding Switzerland," a trader said.

PARIS — French shares were depressed by a weak franc and a gloomy inflation forecast from Finance Minister Pierre Beregov-

LONDON - U.K. inflations hit an eight-year high of 9.4 per cent but the market was relieved that it was still below 10 per cent. A rally on Wall Street belped the FTSE index gain 18.9 points to

NEW YORK - Shares followed bonds upwards after unexpected falls in monthly business data raised new hopes for lower interest rates. At 1530 GMT the Dow Jones Industrials were up 14,87 to

#### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY MAY 12, 1990

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You may feel an overwhelming desire to produce big results at whatever is vital to your interests at the moment. Study wisely so that you make no mistake in forcing wrong

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Your judgment is not apt to be good just how you do handle members of your own household today so be tactful; tonight take mate out for some cutertainment.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Study with more than usual care any writings or reports and make sure your own are in perfect order; tonight do what pleases family at GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You

can make a big mistake in some financial transaction if you commit yourself to such during the day-time; tonight avoid some aggravating communication.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You can feel you are being put upon in the morning so avoid a greedy person but in the evening you can think how best to increase your bounty. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Pri-

vale worries can cause you to act unwisely so stop and think twice before taking action while the evening brings you chance to ex-press personal views.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Acquaintances who are very sensitive can be most annoying to

you today so steer clear of them but tonight you can busy yourself at romantic activities.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Take no chances with a person who has some influence over you affairs in the morning but in the evening you can be with some delightful companions.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Any new venture in which you are interested needs to be approached tentatively while in the evening be careful to maintain a high public profile.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You are irked over an obligation but doublecheck be-fore making a big stew over it while tonight you feel its essential you get off to the new.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You want to get an annoying associate out of a deal but wait till a better day and tonight you see ways to handle promises efficiently.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Your work activities do not seem to go as you wish but try to be more patient about them; tonight you can enjoy an outsiders company,

PISCES: February 20 to March 20) Don't take on some recreation that requires more time than you can put into it during the day but tonight you can improve surroundings greatly.

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## Iraq wins Arab basketball tourney

AMMAN (J.T.) — Al Rashid Club of Iraq was crowned Thursday as the champion of the Arab Basketball Championship which was held in Amman between May 2 till May 10. Though defeated by the Saudi club Uhud in its final match, Al Rashid malatained the top spot in overall standings,

The second place was won by Al Ahli club of Egypt which defeated the Syrian club Al Istiliand 81-83 in the final match of the championship, keeping the Syrian club in the third place. The fourth place went to Al Orthodox club, the host, after

Kathima of Kuwait withdrew from the championship, thus leading the championship's technical committee to cancel all its results. in ladies competition Al Mal'ab club of Tunisia won the first place, followed by Algerian club Hossein Dai and in the third place was Al Thawra of Syria. Jordan's two entries in the championship, Al Orthodox and Al Ahli, occupied the fifth and the sixth places respectively. Photo above shows sceng from a match

that took place between Al Rashid and Kathima Wednesday.

The bidding has proceeded:

South

A .-- Your diamond honors behind

the bid make your hand worth more

than its 12 points in high cards.

There is only one game you are in-

Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South you

A .- You do not have the values for

a positive response of three hearts

and possession of a singleton bars you from the weak, fit-showing

mp to four hearts. So you mu

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A .- You have promised nothing and you hold four-card support, a singleton and a queen which might be working. Since four hearts would be an underbid, cue-bid four dis-

monds. Partner should treat that as

a real suit, but when you next raise hearts he should get the message

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\$ 1065 ♥KJ1043 ♦ 762 \$95. The bidding has proceeded:
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What action do you take? A.—You do not have much, but you should compete with two hearts. You have a good five-card major and there is no guarantee, if you don't bid, that partner's hand is suitable for further action. And if the opponents declare at least you will have steered partner to the best

Q.2-East-West vulnerable, as South you hold: ± KQ762 79652 7 Vold ±8763 The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
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What action do you take?

A.—You certainly intend competing, but there's no hurry about raising clubs. Bid two spades. First, that might be your best contract if partner has a fit. Secondly, it will make the defense easier if partner knows where your values are.

Q:3-As South, vulnerable, you hold: **±4** ♥AK1052 ♦KJ76 **★**AJ9 The bidding has proceeded: East South West North

What action do you take? A .- You have a three-suited hand suitable for play is any strain except spades. There is a textbook method to show this hand and we can see no reason to consider anything else. Double for takeout.

Q.4-As South, vulnerable, you

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Mexico beats U.S. BURNABY, Canada (AP) -

Flores redirected a shot by mann. Victor Medina from just inside the 18-yard box that barely eluded Tony Meola goalkeeper of the World Cup-bound U.S. team

Meola was flawless the last 80 minutes to keep the Americans within striking distance. The stocky 20-year-old made 10 saves --- many spectacular --- compared with one by Mexico goalkeeper

The loss dropped the U.S. to 0-2 in the three-country, roundrobin tournament that ends Sunday when the Canadian national team plays Mexico.

Canada beat the Americans 1-0 last Sunday in the opening game of the inaugural series for the Corona Cup. The 1991 event will be in Los Angeles.

The Mexicans controlled the tempo of Thursday's game with their accurate passing. The Americans had few offensive buildups through midfield. The U.S. team featured several

players not likely to play in the World Cup next month. Most of the top Americans were on the east coast for another series of

Luis Flores scored in the 10th at times that produced three offiminute as Mexico heat the United cial cautions from referee Dave States 1-0 Thursday night in the Brummitt and the disqualification 3-nations cup soccer tournament. of American forward Eric Eich-

> Eichmann was ejected in the 44th minute after his boots-up tackle from behind on Mexican forward Sergio Lira.

> Brummitt issued yellow-card cautions to U.S. defender Alexi Lalas, Eichmann and Mexican midfielder Javier Aguirre before booking Eichmann with a red card, forcing the U.S. to play shorthanded the last 46 minutes.

> The Americans lost talented sweeper Robin Fraser in the second minute with an ankle injury. He was replaced by Kevin

U.S. coach John Kowalski made four changes after the ear-lier loss to Canada, inserting Meola, Lalas, midfielder Hendrig Gutierrez and forward Jeff Betts into the starting lineup.

The Mexicans returned to international competition earlier this year after a two-year suspension was imposed by FIFA, the world governing body, for using ineligible players. The suspension cost Mexico an opportunity to qualify for this year's World Cup in Italy after they finished sixth at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

## **Mexican Chavez gets** \$1.3m title fight offer

beaten junior welterweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez of Culiacan, Mexico, has received options to defend his title against Duk Ahn of Korea, a representative of Chavez said Thursday.

Michael Bass of Los Angeles told the Associated Press that the offer was made by promoter Don King, who came to Chavez' hotel room in Los Angeles with the offer earlier this week.

Chavez, 69-0 with 59 knockouts, is the World Boxing Council (WBC) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior welterweight champion. In his most recent fight, Chavez knocked out Meldrick Taylor in the 12th round at Las Vegas, Nevava, on March 16.

Bass said that King proposed the Chavez-Aim fight for July or August in Nevada hAhn, 287°B ranked as the no. I funior weller weight contender by both the WBC and IBF. Ahn has a 28-1 record with 12 knockouts.

"Although we've said

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Un- never fight for Don King, this is a very respectable offer and is receiving our consideration right now," said Bass, who along with an offer of \$1.25 million with no Alberto Gonzales and Leon Pizante make up team Chavez.

Chavez, 28, will be moving to Los Angeles soon to prepare for a part in a movie where he's playing a boxer, Bass said.

Meanwhile, John David Jackson of the United States will defend his World Boxing Organisation junior-middleweight title against Australian Troy Waters at Brisbane Festival Hall on June 22, promoter Marty Rhone has announced.

Jackson, 26, will be making the third defence of the title he won by knocking out Mexican Lupe Aquino in 1988. He has a 20-0 record although

his last title defence was ruled a no-contest after the crowd invaded the ring during his fight against Frenchman Martin Camara in Paris. Waters has a 15-2 record and

was last year outpointed by Ita-

### Brazil boasts soccer squad

TERESOPOLIS, Brazil (AP) --Coach Sebastiao Lazaroni of the national soccer team rejected criticism Thursday that his team is too defensive and said Brazil will have one of its strongest squads ever in the World Cup this sum-

"The history of the World Cup shows there are cycles," Lazaroni said. "Some are mostly technique, others mainly strength, some are rotation. The current moment is one of competitiveness. If you don't have skill, strength and mobility, you are left behind.'

Lazaroni spoke to reporters during a break in the team's final week of training camp in this mountain resort city near Rio. Brazil plays East Germany in

an exhibition game Sunday and leaves Wednesday for Europe. The coach refuted criticism that his team is too timid on

offense, but admitted Brazil would use only two attackers instead of the traditional three. "I'm only taking five defencemen and I've been criticised for that. Some teams are taking

eight," he said. "The important thing is balance between the attack and defence, and that's what we're

trying for," Lazaroni added.

Asked about a comment by former star midfielder Socrates that the team lacks a field general, Lazaroni said, "Brazil has changed from the days when Gerson. Didi. or Zico commanded the offence. Now the team is the star, not any individual player."

Asked to list his favourites to win the cup, Lazaroni said,"Brazil, Brazil, Brazil. Then Italy, West Germany, the Netherlands, and the Soviet Union."

Injured attacker Romario will join the team in Spain on May 17th, and will have one week to prove he has recovered from a broken leg, Lazaroni said.

"I expect to have him back," the coach said. "He has no pain and no atrophy, and he said he feels good and optimmistic. But if he's not in condition by the 25th another player will be called up."

pared to face the traditional hostility of fans if Brazil doesn't win the cup. "Winning or losing a World

Lazaroni also said he was pre-

Cup is the limit of passion and pain, and like all Latins we sometimes go to far." he said. "Anyway," he added with a smile, "I already have a swat

(special police) team at the

# Navratilova downs Cecchini

oldest player in the tournament, survived another three-set struggle Thursday to join Jennifer Capriati and the rest of the teen origade in the quarterfinals of the Italian Open.

Still showing the effects of a pulled hamstring, the 33-year-old Navratilova picked up her serveand-volley game and came from behind in the third set to down Italy's Sandra Cecchini 6-4, 3-6,

Capriati, the 14-year-old American, also was taken to three sets by an Italian but settled down to post a 6-3, 6-7 (10-8), 6-2 victory over Laura Golarsa and run her pro record to 16-3.

The no. 2 seed, 16-year-old Monica Seles, breezed to a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Mercedes Paz. And 19-year-old defending champion Gabriela Sabatini, the fourth seed, crushed Regina Rajchrtova 6-0, 6-1.

In the tournament's first major upset, third-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario was eliminated in the third round by Canada's Helen Kelesi, 6-4, 7-5.

Others reaching the quarterfinals were no. 5 Manuela Maleeva and no. 13 Caterina Lindqvist. Sixth-seeded Conchita Martinez of Spain also qualified for the quarterfinals with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over no. 16 seed Cathy Caverzasio.

Navratilova, who was extended to three sets Wednesday by Australian Rachel McQuillan, found herself in trouble again against Cecchini.

Playing in front of her home fans on the Foro Italico ecentre court, the 14th-seeded Italian captured the second set by changing the rhythm with slices and drop shots.

Cecchini broke Navratilova in the first game of the third set and held serve for a 2-0 lead. But the American left-hander cut down on her mistakes, took control of the net and lost only eight more points the rest of the way.

Navratilova, who wore a bandage around her left thigh, said the hamstring injury bothered her on some points. "I can't say that I was at 100

per cent," she said. "I couldn't get down on some volleys and low balls. But it's better than yesterday so I'm encouraged."

Capriati, the 12th seed in her fourth pro tournament, also faced her toughest challenge so far this

After winning the first set handily, Capriati had trouble coping with Golarsa's defensive, ff-speed shots and surprise

ROME (Agencies) - Top- dashes to the net. Robbed of the seeded Martina Navratilova, the pace which helps her hard-hitting game, Capriati began making unforced errors from the baseline.

In the second-set tiebreak, Capriati had a match point at 8-7 but sailed a forehand long. Two points later, Golarsa closed out the tiebreak with a perfectlyplaced drop shot.

Golarsa broke for a 1-0 lead in the final set, but Capriati won six of the next seven games and ended the match with a forehand serve return that clipped the net and fell over for a winner.

"I was feeling tired at the end of the second set but after the first game of the third set I regrouped," Capriati said, "She was hitting short and low and I

decided to attack more." Sanchez-Vicario said the fatigue was a factor in her loss to Kelesi, the 11th seed.

"After seven tournaments this year, I'm tired," said last year's French Open champion. "I gave it everything I had today. I attacked on the important points. But my shots kept going long. I

guess it just wasn't my day." Kelesi, who reached the Rome finals in 1988, trailed 2-4 in both sets. She and Sanchez both play similar baseline-hugging, topspin games, but it was the Canadian. hustling all over the court and shouting "yeah" after her winners, who made the least mis-

"After I fell behind 4-2 in the first set, I just told muself to relax, and to start getting ready for the second," said Kelesi. 'And I started playing better.'

"I really needed this win tothe 20-year-old Canadian said. "I'd played Arantxa twice this year and lost both times. I knew that if I lost today, it would be a long time before I beat her again.

John McEnroe has withdrawn from the Italian Open men's tennis championships because of injury, foregoing a chance to win the title for the first time. The organisers of the tourna-

ment, which starts Monday, said Thursday that the American had dropped out because he had not recovered from an injury sustained recently.

A spokeswoman for the organisers said they had no further details about McEnroe's reasons for withdrawing. It is the third tournament in a

row that he (McEnroe) has dropped out of without the reasons ever being clear," she said. "He withdrew from Nice and Mona-The withdrawal of McEnroe,

ranked 10th in the world, weakens further an entry already lacking the world's top four, Ivan Lendi, Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg and Andre Agassi.

McEnroe last took part in the Italian Open in 1987 and was a favourite with the crowds. He reached the semifinals where he was beaten 6-1, 6-3 by Swede Mats Wilander, who went on to win the tournament

The organisers said another American, Pete Sampras, had also withdrawn after being injured at the West German Open

in Hamburg this week. Navratilova said Wednesday she saw no reason to stop playing tennis while she remains among the best in the world — even though she is nearly a generation older than most of her leading

"I believe that if you enjoy it and do it for the right reasons. there's no reason not to go on playing," the 33-year-old American, eight times Wimbledon champion said.

"I'm a clear (world) number wo and have every chance to win a grand slam tournament. I'd be crazy to quit," she said after winning her second round match at the Italian Open championship where she is top seed.

Argentine Gabriela Sabatini, who turns 20 next week, said she did not think she would still be playing on the professional circuit in 10 years time.

Sabatini, the holder and fourth seed who is already talking of wanting to enjoy life outside tennis, is herself a few years older than many of the other seeds at the Rome tournament

The second seed is 16-year-old Monica Seles of Yugoslavia. while 14-year-old Capriati of the United States, a professional only since March, is seeded 12th.

"Only Chris (Evert) and I have played this long," Navratilova said. Christ Evert, her archrival for so many years, retired last year at the age of 34.

"I remember when I was in my early twenties and saw Billie Jean (King) playing, if someone had asked me if I was going to play that long I would have said 'no Navratilova has her sights set

on a record ninth Wimbledon crown and said an important part of her preparation was rest.

"I don't need any extra practice on grass before Wimbledon. I simply need a little rest." She said she was not playing

the French Open because it left her only three days rest before the Eastbourne tournament and



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# **Cheney predicts fewer** muclear weapons ahead

WASHINGTON (AP) - NATO nations will have fewer nuclear weapons as a result of an alliance strategy review. U.S. Defence Secretary Dick Cheney predicts.

Cheney, speaking with reporters after a two-day NATO meeting in Canada, also left the door open for a unilateral withdrawal of aged nuclear artillery shells from Western Europe.

"It's entirely possible." Cheney said. "It wouldn't be the first time it's been done."

The defence secretary said the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) clearly is in the mood to pare its nuclear arsenal in light of the near-evaporation of the Warsaw Pact, prospects for Soviet troops withdrawals from Eastern Europe and East-West agreements to slash conventional

Given those developments, "you can also take down nuclear forces," Cheney told reporters aboard his plane returning to Washington.

"We want to go to the lowest level (of nuclear weapons) we can... we don't want any more nuclear weapons than necessary," he said.

The meeting was the first alliance discussion of nuclear issues after President George Bush announced he had dropped plans to upgrade short-range nuclear Lance missiles and was scrapping a move to modernise nuclear

At the conference, Dutch and West German officials pressed for speedy, unilateral elimination of the 1.600 nuclear-tipped artiliery shells. The weapons are designed to be used within a 16 to 32-kilometre range to halt an overwhelming advance of War-

saw Pact troops.

21 killed in

plane crash

TUXTLA GUTTERREZ, Mex-

ico (R) — A twin-engine compu-

ter plane crashed and burned in a

field outside this Mexican City

Thursday, killing at least 21 peo-

ple, including a Mexican bishop

flying in for Pope John Paul II's

The flight departed from the

malan border Tuxtla Gutierrez,

about 600 kilometres southeast of

Tuxtla's bishop, Monsignor

Felipe Aguirre Franco, told re-

porters that Bishop Luis Miguel

Canton Marin, 49, of Tapachula,

as well as two other priests died in

Rescue workers said the

bishop's cross and bible were

among personal belongings pul-

led from the fire-gutted fuselage.

arrive Friday for a brief visit and

say a n iss before departing for

the nearby city of Villahermosa.

with only minor injuries, accord-

ing to Chiapas state government spokesman Eladir Castro. At

least seven were listed in critical

Survivor Luis Calderon, 43, told Reuters, "I am very Catholic

and I prayed a lot but I don't

consider this is a miracle. I feel

Calderon, who was almost un-

touched in the crash, said he

pulled three children from the

burning fuselage after the crash.

Rescue officials said at least two

A Vatican spokesman travel)-

ing with the Pope in Monterrey

said the Pontiff was saddened to

hear of the tragedy and would

change his schedule to bless the

bodies at a special ceremony dur-

the victims and console their

The crash occurred Thursday

morning in a barren sorghum field about 4.5 kilometres from

the local airport, which sits atop a

Miguel Angel Guadarrama,

director-general of Aviacsa, said

the cause of the crash was under

investigation but insisted that the

23-year-old Dutch-built Fokker

Turboprop had been in good

engine had shut down as it

attempted to land. He said the

pilot attempted to pull the plane back up and circle for another

approach but lacked enough pow-

At his homily later in Monter-

rey Thursday, the Pope asked

people attending mass in a dried riverbed to join him in praying

for those killed and injured in the

nal rest to the dead and a quick

recovery to the injured," he said.

"We ask God to concede eter-

Calderon said the plane's right

families." said spokesman Joa-

The Pope wants to pray for

it's just part of my life."

other children died.

ing his brief visit.

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condition in hospital.

Five survivors walked away

Pope John Paul II was due to

Mexico City.

the crash.

Mexican

Britain expressed reservations and called for holding onto some short-range, land-based nuclear weapons.

But the United States did not object to the Dutch and German proposal, which was supported by other ministers, leaving it for further study under a lengthy review of NATO nuclear strategy.

Cheney said the comprehensive review of NATO's nuclear force structure wouldn't be anywhere near completed by the time alliance leaders gather for a summit in London on July 5-6.

He said the review "is going to take a long time" but believed it "would result in an overall reduction in nuclear weapons."

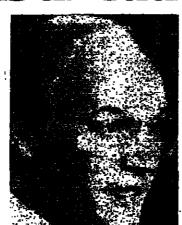
"We're likely to see fewer nuclear weapons in Europe than in the past," he said.

Cheney appeared upbeat about the results of his third NATO nuclear planning group session, which was held at the snowy Kananaskis ski resort at the foot of the Canadian Rockies.

Fourteen of the alliance's 16 defence ministers — including an observer from Iceland - ended the session with a statement that there is a "diminishing need" for short-range nuclear systems in the alliance arsenal because of the changing security situation in

The ministers left to a future series of NATO sessions decisions on what kind of cuts might be made in those short-range nuclear systems.

U.S. nuclear weapons must re- the coming decade.



Dick Cheney

main in Europe as a fundamental deterrent and as a means of

avoiding war. Conventional forces alone won't prevent an outbreak of war, he argued.

He described as "very, very shaky thinking" the view that Europe can rid itself of nuclear weapons when NATO and the Warsaw Pact reach parity in con-

ventional forces. "Everybody wants to operate as though the future is here tohe said, repeating his oftstated warning that although changes in Soviet military posture in Europe have begun, they are

by no means complete. The short-range forces under discussion have come to prominence in light of the U.S.-Soviet treaty eliminating intermediaterange nuclear missiles, which had a range of more than 480

The alliance, in its statement, acknowledged that the decision to cut back on shorter-range weapons places more emphasis on air-launched nuclear missiles. Cheney stressed that some which also must be upgraded in

## German army transport plane crashes; 5 killed

transport plane crashed near the southern city of Wuerzburg Friday and burst into flames, killing at least five of 10 people on board, officials said.

Defence Ministry officials said the plane went down in a remote, wooded area near Wuerzburg, which is about 120 kilometres south of Frankfurt.

The plane was loaded kerosene and burst into flames when it hit, police said.

A witness reported seeing the airplane flying low over the area just before the crash, according to police.

The witness heard the plane crash at about 9:20 a.m. (0720) GMT), said police.

Recovery teams found the bodies of five passengers, said the

Wuerzburg police department. "We expect that the five others also did not survive the crash," said a police official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

'Near-miss' reported

On Thursday, a British airliner nearly collided with two U.S. Air Force jets, and two passengers were injured when the plane's pilot made a nose dive to avoid a crash, authorities said.

The Dan-Air British turboprop was on a flight from West Berlin to Saarbruecken, near the French border, and was carrying 15 passengers, including a child, and a

A statement by the Rhinelandpital treatment for contusions ing jets by 15 metres.

WUERZBURG, West Germany suffered when they were thrown (AP) - A West German army out of their seats after the pilot nose-dived the plane.

> ger plane missed the two fighters by 15 metres. But an air force spokesman estimated the planes were about 150 metres apart. A U.S. Air Force statement

A newspaper said the passen-

said the incident involved two F-15 jet fighters from the 36th Tactical Fighter Wing headquartered at the Bithurg Air Base. "The U.S. Air Force pilots and

the Dan-Air captain took successful evasive action and reported the event to the authorities," said a statement issued by the 36th Tactical Fighter Wing.
A spokesman for West Ger-

many's Federal Air Traffic Control Authority said the Dan-Air plane was flying from West Berlin to Saarbruecken in southern West Germany at the time of the

incident. Spokesman Hans-Urlich Ohl told the Associated Press the Dan-Air captain reported seeing only one military jet. He said military jets usually fly in formations of two and it was possible that the Dan-Air captain did not

see the second let. The incident occurred at 11:17 a.m. (0917 GMT), 40 kilometres

north of Saarbrucken, Ohl said. The British plane, a twinengine Hawker Siddeley 748, was at an altitude of 2,300 metres and was preparing to land at the time of the incident, Ohl said. The plane can carry about 50 passen-

The Saarbruecker Zeitung Palatinate State Interior Ministry newspaper reported that the said two passengers required hos- Dan-Air plane missed the oncom-

## U.S. lacks clear course in space, study says

U.S. space programme lacks a plans for the space station have clear course for the future despite the stated goals of missions to the Moon and Mars, according to a

congressional study.

Congress must decide what kinds of spacecraft it wants and then provide enough funding, said the three-year study by the Congressional Office of Technol-

ogy Assessment.
"Because the lack of a clear future course for U.S. space activities makes the scale and character of future demand for space transportation highly uncertain," the study said. "It is not sensible to choose among space trans-portation options without first selecting the specific goals to be served.

Last year President George Bush said the United States wanted to put a staffed base on the Moon and send a mission to Mars in the next century, Both depend on the operation of space station freedom, the United States' long-delayed orbiting

space laboratory. The National Aeronautics and

WASHINGTON (R) — The Space Administration's (NASA) been criticised because of cost increases, delays and cutbacks that would affect European and Japanese partners in the enter-

Critics say the station is too big, noting that it would take as many as 20 shuttle launches to get the station assembled and an unknown number of launches before it could function as a construction outpost for a Moon

The congressional report said that if Congress decided to go forward with the Bush administration's space goals, it should consider developing an unstaffed cargo shuttle capable of carrying far more than the existing vehi-

The report said the expected rise in the cost of space exploration would make international cooperation more attractive in

the future. It said the United States could save money by using European and Japanese vehicles to help supply the space station.

### De Klerk arrives in Greece

ATHENS (R) — President F.W. De Klerk Friday became the first South African leader to visit Greece and met Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis on the second leg of an 18-day European tour to explain his political re-

De Klerk was greeted at Athens airport by Foreign Minister Antonis Samaras, who took him to the office of President Constantine Karamanlis and on to see Mitsotakis.

The Greek Left Party said in a statement Mitsotakis was wrong to receive De Klerk and Foreign Minister Pik Botha "since the two men have been linked to the most cruel moments of apartheid." It urged opponents of apartheid to gather in central Athens

oppose De Klerk's visit. De Klerk said after meeting French President Francois Mitterrand in Paris Thursday that it was time for the European Community (EC) to reassess its antiapartheid sanctions.

in the evening for a rally to

He was due to take the same message to eight other EC countries and Switzerland during a tour which erodes South Africa's long political isolation from the

A South African governmen source said Pretoria hoped to get a sympathetic hearing from the new conservative government of Greece, which last month ended eight years of Socialist rule and one year of weak coalitions.

Greece could play a pivotal role if there was a move at next month's EC summit to review sanctisons against Pretoria.

The Community is divided over how to react to De Klerk's initiatives, with Britain alone deciding to ease some restrictions against Pretoria. Greece has backed the EC

majority's demand for clear evidence of irreversible change as a condition for easing sanctions, but South Africa believes it could swing if France or West Germany was to back Britain. The source said De Klerk

wanted pesonally to explain his plans to reform 40-year-old apartheid laws segregating South Africa's blacks and whites and to bring the nation's voteless black majority into government for the first time in 350 years. Echoiong De Klerk's message

Echoiong De Klerk's message to Mitterrand in stronger terms, Aquino cousin refuses to answer it had already given evidence of its commitment to ending apartic during the for Furness their and it was time for Furness theid and it was time for Euroepe to respond with a positive gesture. "There is no way that this

government can go back. The only way the changes will not be irreversible is if the right or the left takes over in South Africa," the source said.

Greek officials were cautious about the outcome of De Kierk's, visit, the first by a leader of the white minority government in South Africa, which has a 100,000-strong Greek community. -

"We expect very little from the visit. Our trade relations are close to nil as a result of European Community sanctions," said Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zografou.

Canadian diplomats said Botha, South Africa's foreign minister for the past 13 years, would meet visiting Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark in Athens Sunday.~

### Nepali Communist leader says king undermining new government KATHMANDU (R) — Nepal's lems for this government," said when King Mahendra, Birendra's

leading Communist said Friday that King Birendra was trying to undermine the new interim government and called for an investigation into the "ill-gotten" wealth of monarchists.

"Every effort is being made by the palace to discredit and undermine this government," Manmohan Adhikary, general secretary of the Communist Party of Nepal, said in an interview.

The aim is not to allow this

government to function," he said, adding that army, police and top bureaucrats were not cooperating. with Prime Minister Krishna Prasad Bhattarai's administration. The government Thursday

lifted a dusk-to-dawn curfew imposed on Kathmandu after antipolice riots 17 days ago, in which eight officers were beaten to death by mobs accusing them of being monarchists.

Bhattarai, who came to power after massive pro-democracy demonstrations in Kathmandu last month, heads a coalition of the liberal Nepali Congress Party and a United Left Front led by the Communist Party of Nepal.

"The King is instigating experienced bureaucrats to create prob-

MANILA (AP) — An explosion sparked a fire aboard a Philippine

Airlines jet with 119 people

aboard Friday, killing seven and

injuring at least 30, officials said.

the runway at Manila's domestic

airport when it was rocked by an

explosion, said Enrique Santos,

front of me and there was a very

bad smell," said passenger Isidro

Retaso, 33, of Iloilo. Ms. Retaso

said other explosions followed

the safety equipment when it occured," she said. "There were

three explosions, loud explo-

sions, and the ceiling shuddered.

On the second explosion, I im-

mediately opened the emergency

The cabin filled with smoke but

most of those on board managed

to escape by sliding down

emergency chutes before flames

engulfed the plane, Santos said.

MANILA (AP) — President tions. Corazon Aquino's estranged Du

cousin denied any role in a failed

coup last year, but invoked his

right against self-incrimination 33

times Friday in refusing to answer

Eduardo "danding" Cojuang-

co, a business tycoon and former

associate of the late Ferdinand

Marcos, last November had slip-

ped back into the country from

the United States, where he had

lived since his cousin, Mrs.

Aquino, took office in the 1986

uprising that toppled Marcos.

There was widespread specula-

tion of a link between his return

and the Dec. 1-9 coup attempt, in

which 113 people were killed and

During the Marcos administra-

tion, Cojuangco was the most

powerful figure in the Philippine

business community. He has been

mentioned as a possible presiden-

tial candidate in the 1992 elec-

more than 600 wounded.

investigators' questions.

"They were still demonstrating

the first one.

There was an explosion in

vice president of the airline.

The plane was being towed to

Adhikary, who has spent 15 of the past 30 years in jail.

They keep things secret from the ministers. They come to the office but they don't tell you anything," he said.

But the government would not a be toppled easily as it had the support of the people, he said. Adhikary said the United Left Front had agreed to the idea of a constitutional monarchy and its main demand was to investigate the money made by palace loyal-

"The ill-gotten wealth amassed in the last 30 years must be investigated. Everybody knows how much wealth they have. It can be checked," he said. "But the palace is interfering

because the king's brother, wife, relatives and secretaries will be exposed," Adhikary said. He said his party did not want to out too much pressure on the government on this issue because

Communists have joined the overnment for the first time in

Seven bodies -- one male, five

adult females and one female

child — were found inside the

burned-out cabin, said Airport

Manager Ed Carrascoso. He said

they were either killed by the

blast or died of smoke inhalation.

for injuries, according to a nurse

290 miles to the south, authorities

said. There were 113 passengers

and six crew members on board.

debriefed the crew and did not

know what caused the explosion.

Carrascoso said there had been

Dante Santos, president of Phi-

lippine Airlines, said flames

swept through the plane in only

four minutes. The blast apparent-

ly occurred near the centre of the

passenger cabin, near where the

an explosion inside the cabin,

"Initial reports said there was

During his appearance before a

government commission investi-

gating the putsch, Cojuangco's

lawyer. Estelito Mendoza, read a

lengthy statement citing constitu-.

tional guarantees against self-

above, Mr. Cojuangco invokes

his right to remain silent as he

affirms, and is prepared to affirm

this under oath, that he had no

knowledge of, much less complic-

ity or participation in, the failed

coup d'etat of December 1989,"

Senior Deputy Commission

Cojuangco then invoked his

right against self-incrimination

rather than respond to 33 ques-

tions, including one from com-

mission Chairman Hilarion he would help us."

Counsel Charles Anastacio then

asked Cojuangco if he denied any

role in the coup attempt. "I do,

"In light, therefore, of the

incrimination.

Mendoza said.

Cojuangco replied.

bodies were found, he said.

Santos said officials had not

at the airport clinic.

no bomb threats.

At least 30 people were treated

The plane was bound for Iloilo,

succeed."

father, dismissed parliament and the popularly elected Congress Party government. He abolished the multiparty

system and introduced the partyless Panchayat (council) system Birendra scrapped the partyless system last month in the face of the demonstrations. Scores were killed when security forces fired on protesters marching to

The king swore in an interim government, restored the multiparty system and promised free elections within a year. Within weeks the Communist

Party opened its first legal office in 30 years and its members began to operate openly. Adhikary said his party, which

had launched the struggle for democracy along with Nepali Congress, would fight the next. elections as its coalition partner. "This alliance is the outcome of

our experience over the last 30 1 years. In the past there was no we want this government to unity even among Communists and the advantage always went to the king," he said.

"If we go into the election epal's history. divided, we will The party was banned in 1960 Adhikary added. divided, we will be defeated."

been delayed slightly due to

heavy air traffic. One official,

speaking on condition of anony-

mity, said it was possible that a

bomb was placed on the plane

and that it was intended to ex-

no firm evidence of a bomb.

But the official said there was

It was not known how many

foreigners were on board, but

officials said one Japanese male

Officials said the aircraft was

Friday's accident was the worst

leased by Philippine Airlines last

aviation mishap in Manila since

way on a flight from Zamboanga

Davide about whether he was a

Filipino who loves his country.

Aquino appointed the commis-

attempt. Aquino said Cojuangco,

Vice President Salvador Laurel

and opposition Sen. Juan Ponce

Enrile should answer to the peo-

All three denied involvement.

Enrile was arrested last February

on rebellion and murder charges

and was freed on bail. No trial

find out the causes and solutions

of this coup," said Commission Member Ricardo Romulo. "Mr.

Cojuangco being a major

businessman and political leader

in this country, we were hoping

"One of our major tasks is to

the rebellion.

date has been set.

was treated for burns.

people were injured.

plode in the air.

November.

#### Blast in Philippine plane claims 7 lives dressed men maybe in one of the passenger's Lack of nice men baggage," Santos said. Santos said the takeoff had keeps Japanese

women unmarried TOKYO (R) - Most single Japanese women think the main reason they have not yet tied the knot is a scarcity of "nice men," a survey published Friday showed. The survey of 500 women conducted by the Altmann Institute. A Tokyo-based matchmaking agency, found that four out of five did not think they had even seen any nice men recently. The survey showed a "nice man" was one who was good-looking, intelligent, talkative, bonest and

#### last July, when a Philippine Airlines BAC1-11 overshot the run-Gabor files complaint and slammed into a busy highagainst 'biased' Eight people, all of them on the ground, were killed and 91

highly paid.

LOS ANGELES (R) — Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor has filed a complaint against a Beverly Hills judge who ordered her to serve another 60 hours of community service for breach of probation in her police slapping case, her publicist said Thursday. Phil Palodino said Gabor had written to the California Committee on Judicial Performance and the California Bar Association complaining that Judge Charles sion last December to investigate Rubin had shown bias against her the December putsch, the bloodiest and strongest of the six attempts to oust her. and was seeking publicity from the case. Gabor was ordered to During a speech after the coup complete 120 hours of community service last October when Rubin found her guilty of assaulting police officer Paul Kramer after he stopped her in Beverly Hills in ple about their possible roles in her Rolls-Royce for a traffic violation. Kramer alleged Gabor had slapped him and swore at him. In March the director of a homeless shelter where Gabor had worked sent a letter to Rubin saying the actress had completed her 120 hours. But in a hearing on May 1. Rubin found Gabor had served only 341/2 hours, ordered her to complete the other 851/2 hours, and added 60 hours on as a sanction, bringing the total to 145½ hours still to be performed.

#### Japanese prince to wed in June 29

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's royal wedding, which officials announced Friday would be held in June, will be heavy with pomp and tradition. In one of the final formalities before the ceremony, imperial messenger Yasuo Shigeta, dressed in a somber gray morning coat and carrying a silk top hat, called on Prince Aya's fiancee, Kiko Kawashima, and her parents at their home Friday to inform them the royal nuptials are to be held on June 29. Mis Kawashima lives with her parents and younger brother in an apartment on the campus of Gakushuin University, where she is a student of psychology and where her father, Tatsuhiko, teaches economics. Gakushuin is Aya's alma-mater, and where he met his 23-year-old fiancee. For the past two years Aya has been studying zoology — he has a particular interest in catfish — at Oxford University, and he is not expected to return to Japan until less than two weeks before the ceremony. Aya, 24, will be the first imperial family member to marry since Emperor Akihito's cousin, Prince Noribito, wed in December 1984. Aya is next in line to the chrysanthemium throne after his brother, Crown Prince Naruhito, who is 30 and has yet to choose a bride. والأنواب والروجود والمراوي

# Peasant Party drops out of Romanian parliament

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) - The National Peasant Party, one of the three leading parties, has dropped out of Romania's makeshift parliament to protest recent violent attacks on opposition leaders, the Romanian news agency Rompres said Friday.
The agency said Ion Di-

aconescu, vice president of the Peasant Party, announced the withdrawal to a session of the parliament, known as the Provisional Council of National Uni-

It said without giving details that Diaconescu cited the level of violence in the current election campaign as the party's reason for pulling out of the provisional parliament. The Peasant Party was one of Romania's main political parties

before World War II and claims to have attracted some 600,000 members since Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was ousted by popular revolt last December. On Wednesday, Ion Ratiu, the Peasants' candidate for president in the May 20 elections, joined

with another opposition leader, Radu Campeanu of the National Liberal Party, in offering to withdraw from the presidential race. The two said they would pull out if Interim President Ion Ilies-

cu, who is favoured to win, also

withdrew and agreed that the president be elected by the new parliament instead of by direct hallot\_

Iliescu and his National Salvation Front (NSF) are favoured to win both the presidential and parliamentary votes. The National Peasants Party.

the National Liberal Party and other opposition groups consistently have charged the front with misusing public funds to finance its election campaign and with unfairly dominating national

Ratiu and Campeanu both have been physically attacked during electoral rallies in southern Romania in the past two

While they did not directly blame the NSF for orchestrating the attacks, some Romanian newspapers said the attacks were meant to discourage opposition and the electorate in the first free elections in more than half a century.

The council is dominated by the front, a loose grouping of ex-Communists, technocrats and intellectuals. It has acted as a de facto legislature since its formation in February after opponents accused the NSF, which took power immediately after Ceausescu's fall, of governing un- be filmed.

democratically.

Some 4,000 anti-government demonstrators occupied downtown University Square for the? 19th straight day Thorsday night, as their dialogue with the government appeared set to resume Shouting slogans against Com-

munism, the protesters continued, to press for the resignation of Some protesters also deman-

ded the resignation of the Provisional Council of National Uni-

One of the groups leading the protest — the National Alliance for the Proclamation of Timi-: soara, held a news conference Thursday demanding that the talks with Iliescu be broadcast live on television.

The Western city of Timisoara is the site of a massacre that sparked the December revolu-

proclamation of Timisoara, adopted last month at a rally there, demands the formal exclusion of former Communistofficials, including Iliescu, from politics.

Dialogue between Iliescu and the protesters is due to resume Saturday. But the government has not said whether the talks will

Protesters have refused to disclose the specifics of the demands they are advancing in the talks. Diescu has ruled out any substantive discussion on barring ex-Communists or of delaying the election, arguing that both the election law and date were approved by the provisional parliament.

The delegation meeting Iliescu will include poet Ana Blandiana. student representative Mariam Munteanu, George Serban and Stelian Tanase of the Intellectual Group for Social Dialogue - and a cameraman.

Meanwhile, leading former disident Doina Cornea announced that she was joining 62 hunger strikers in the Bucharest protest. Some have taken nothing but tea for 11 days. Cornea resigned from the

National Salvation Front in January after accusing it of being another totalitarian party like the former Communist Party.

In a letter made available to the Associated Press Thursday, Cornea told the European Parliament in Strasbourg:

"The current representatives of the state power and of the political power are not the same as those who died in the streets (last December) to escape from Communism."



BONN (R) - The head of the

Opel car company publicly apologised to West German tennis star

Steffi Graf Friday and promised

to withdraw an advertisement

featuring a scantily-clad Graf

lookalike surrounded by half-

naked men. "Dear Steffi, I am disappointed that no one from

the responsible department or the

ad agency got your permission for this advertisement," wrote Louis

Hughes, management board

chairman of Opel, the West Ger-

man unit of General Motors Inc.

"I will peronsally assure you that

it will never happen again," the Bild newspaper quoted Hughes as telling the world's number one

woman player by letter. He said

the advertisement would be stop-

ped as quickly as possible. The

advertisements featuring model

Debbie Dickinson, who bears a remarkable resemblance to Graf,

caused a sensation when they

appeared in newspapers across

statement denying she was the

woman reclining in an open-top

Opel Corsa surrounded by half-

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